

# Cosmological Simulations with SIDM

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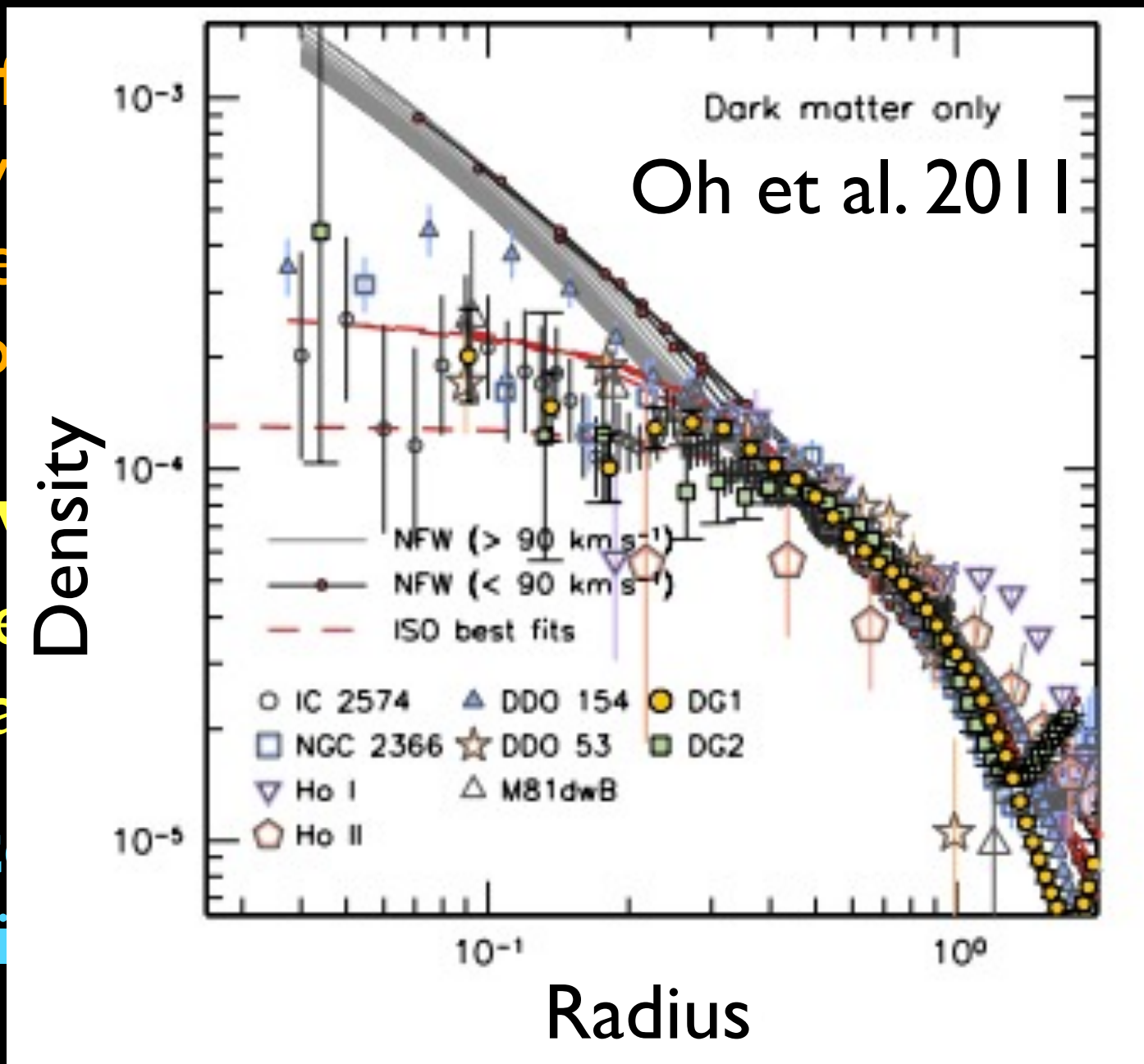
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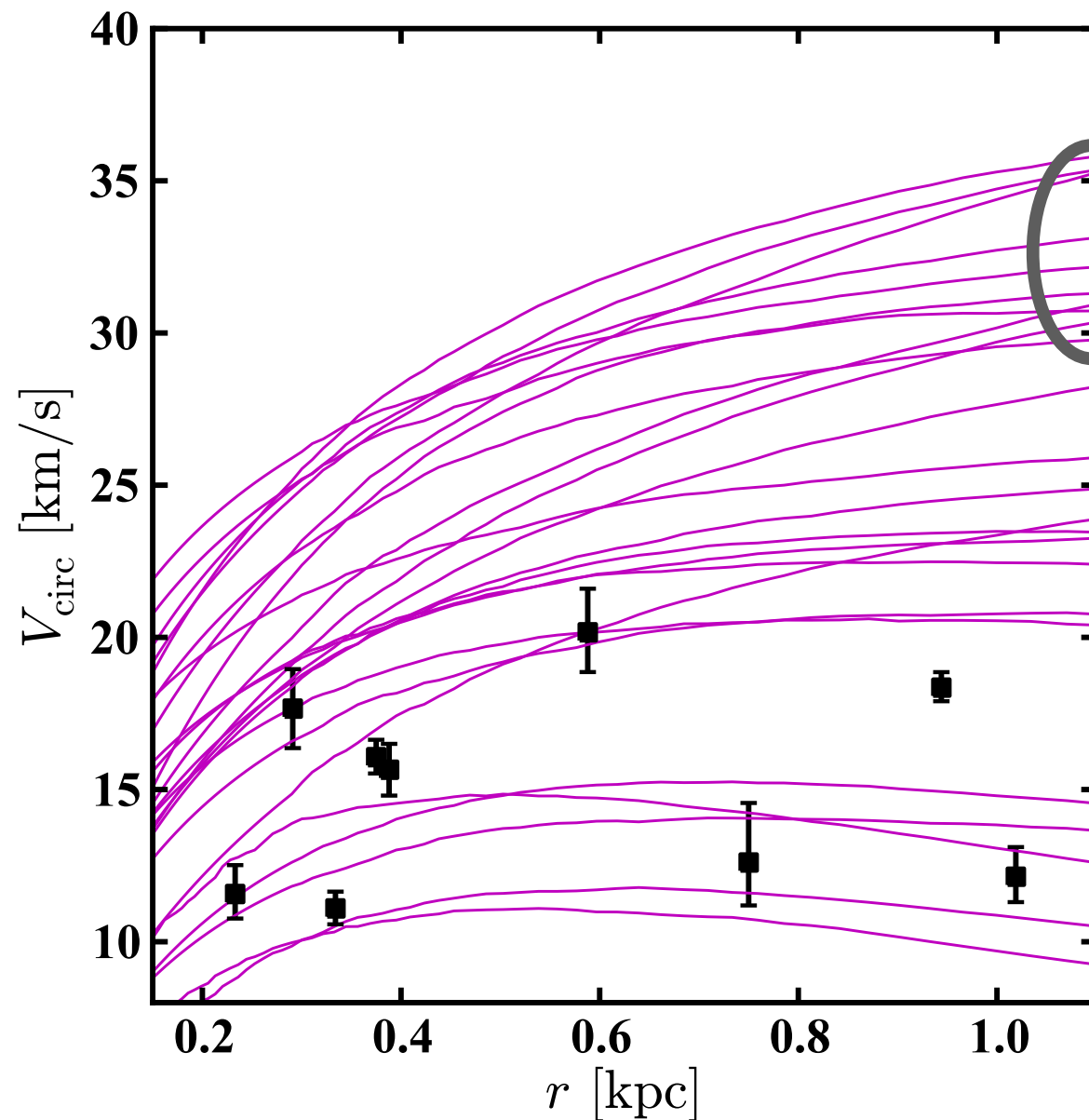
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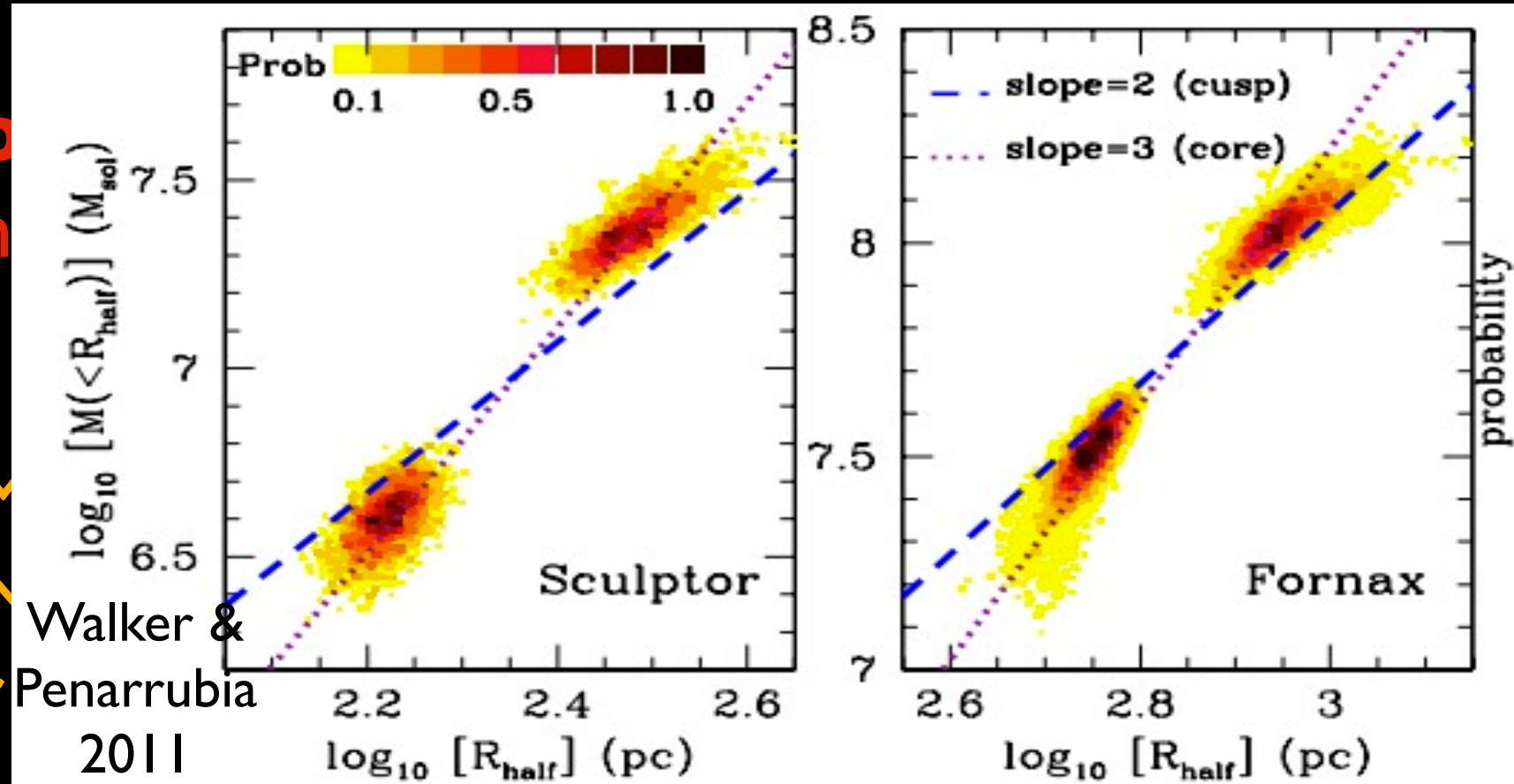
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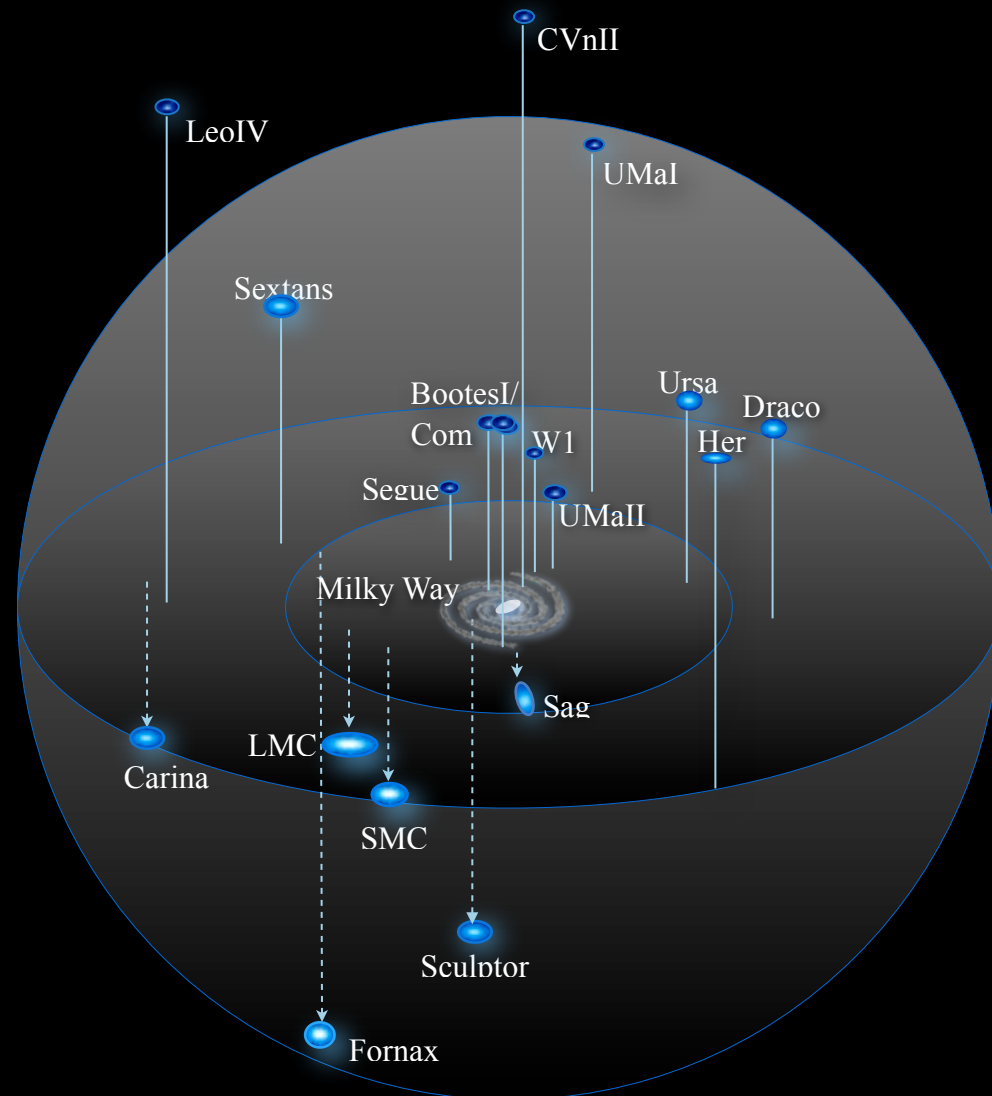


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Suggest less DM in the central regions of halos

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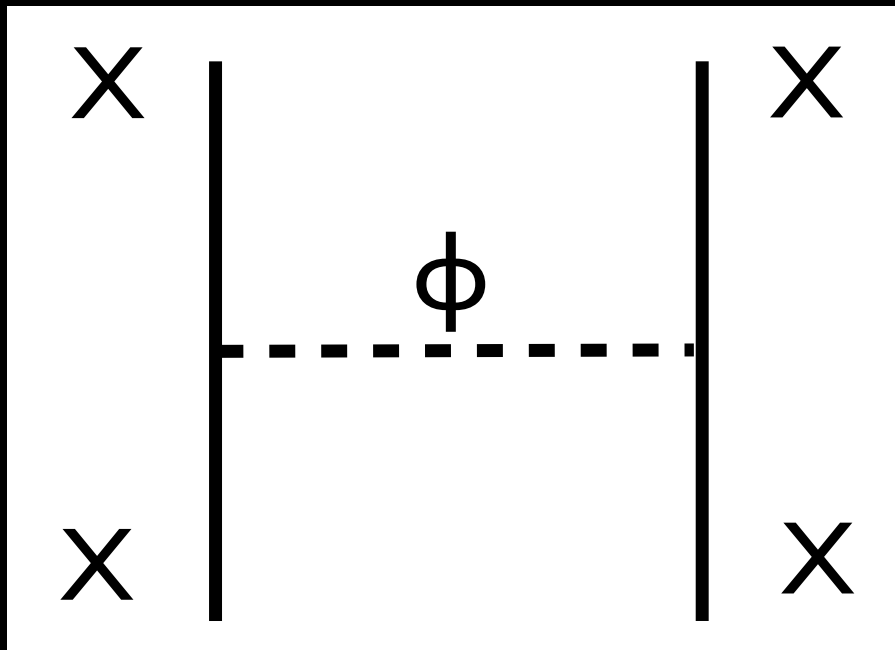
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# Is this a crazy idea?

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Just add a new force at the  $\sim$ sub-GeV scale

$$m_\phi = O(\text{MeV})$$



If your prejudice is that new physics can only be at  $O(\text{TeV})$ , then this large cross-sections will seem crazy

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## Examples:

**Asymmetric DM** - Nussinov (1985); Kaplan (1992); Kaplan, Luty, Zurek (2009); Shelton, Zurek (2011); Buckley, Randall (2011); Morrissey, Sigurdson, Tulin (2010); Buckley (2011); Lin, Hai-Bo Yu, Zurek (2011).

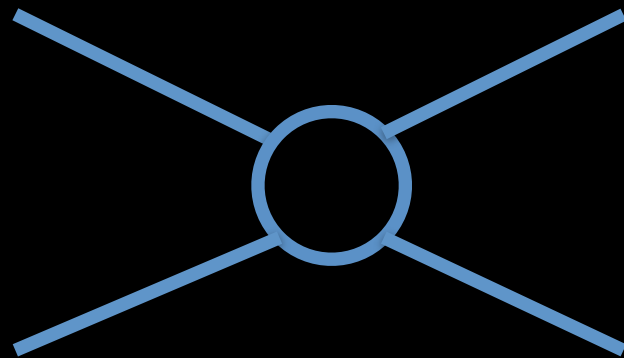
**Hidden Charge DM** - Feng, Tu, Hai-Bo Yu (2008); Ackerman, Buckley, Carroll, Kamionkowski (2008); Feng, Kaplinghat, Tu, HBY (2009).

**Atomic DM** - Foot (2003); Kaplan, Krnjaic, Rehermann, Wells (2009); Feng, Kaplinghat, Tu, Hai-Bo Yu (2009); Cline, Liu, Wei Xue (2012); Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine, Kris Sigurdson (2013).

**Double Disk DM** - Fan, Katz, Randall, Reece (2013); McCullough, Randall (2013)



# Phenomenology of DM Self-Interactions



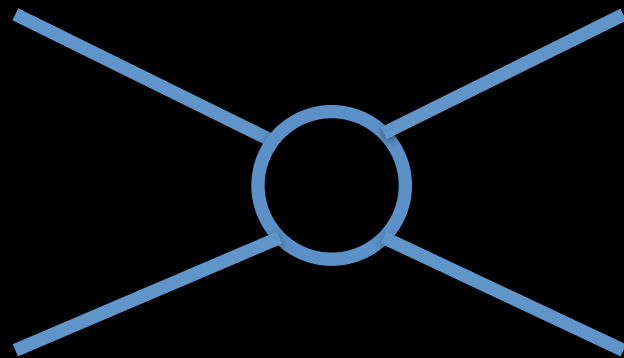
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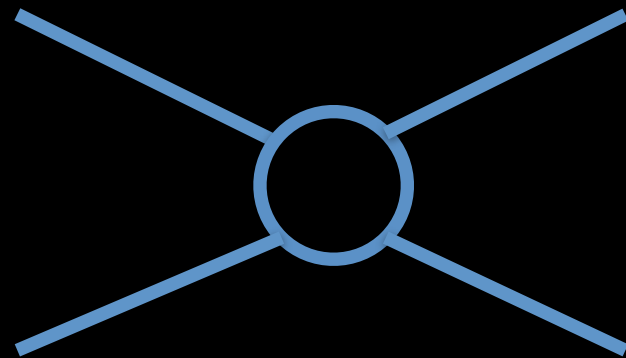
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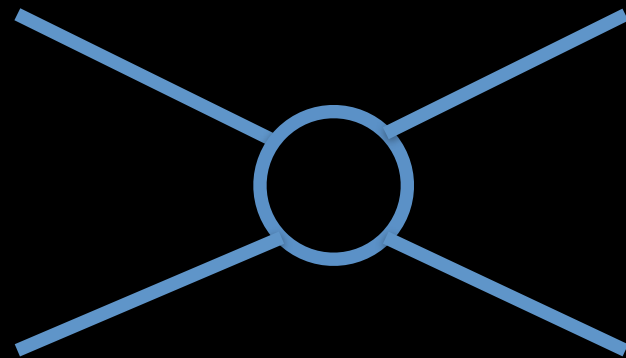
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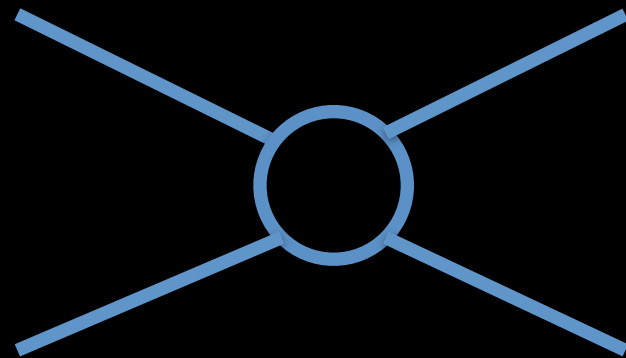
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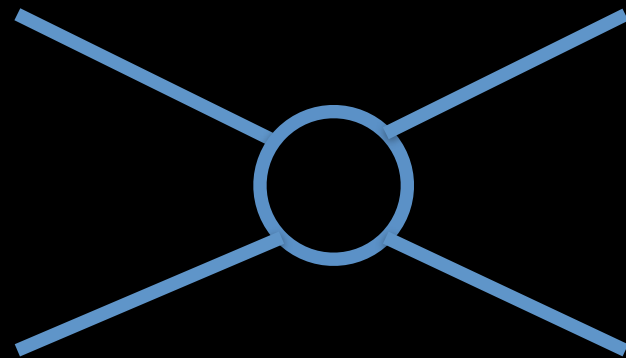
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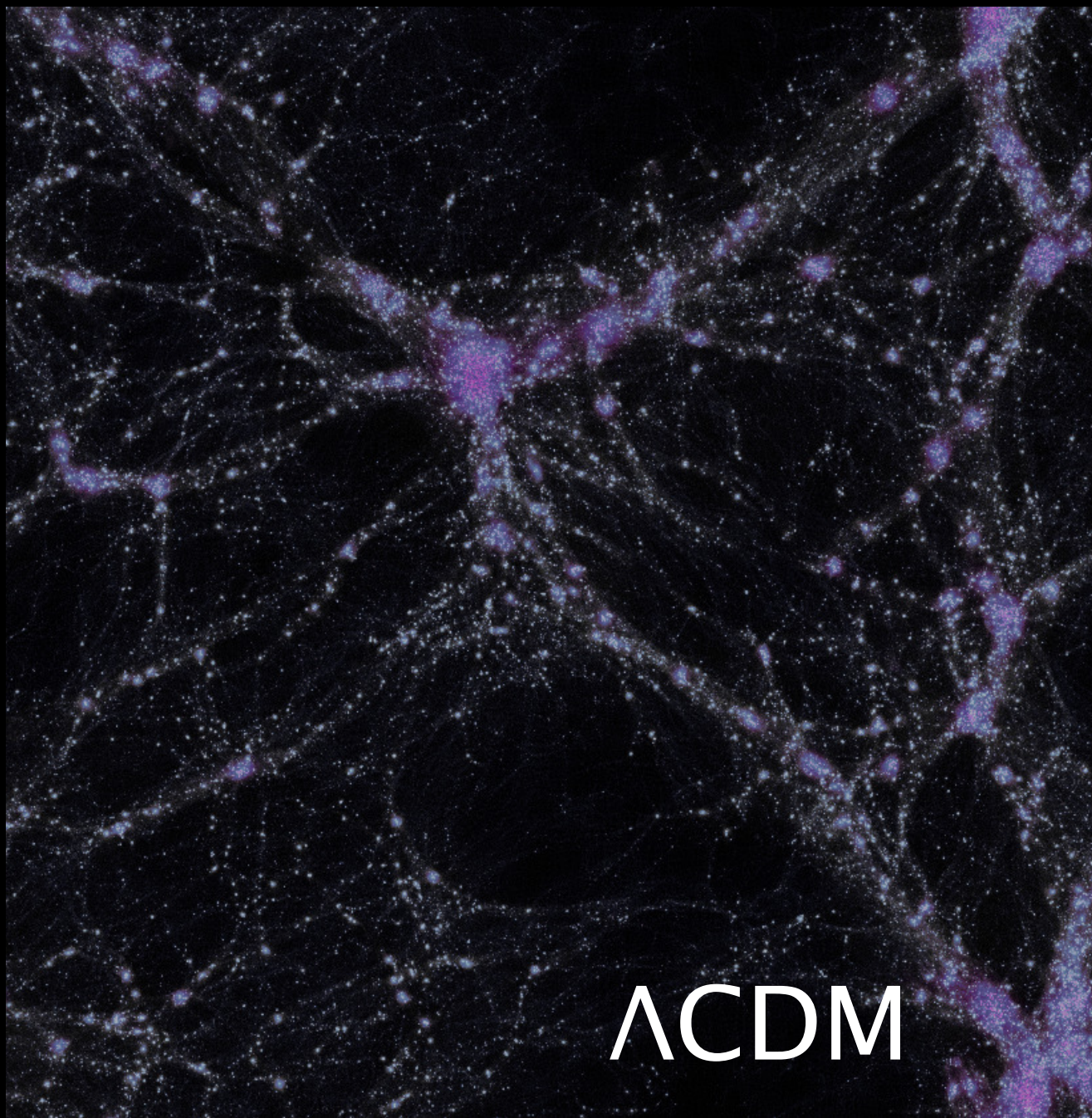
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- In merging systems the drag that the DM experiences would be different to that of the collisionless galaxies, resulting in an **offset between the surface mass centroids and the galaxy centroids + lower M/L ratios**

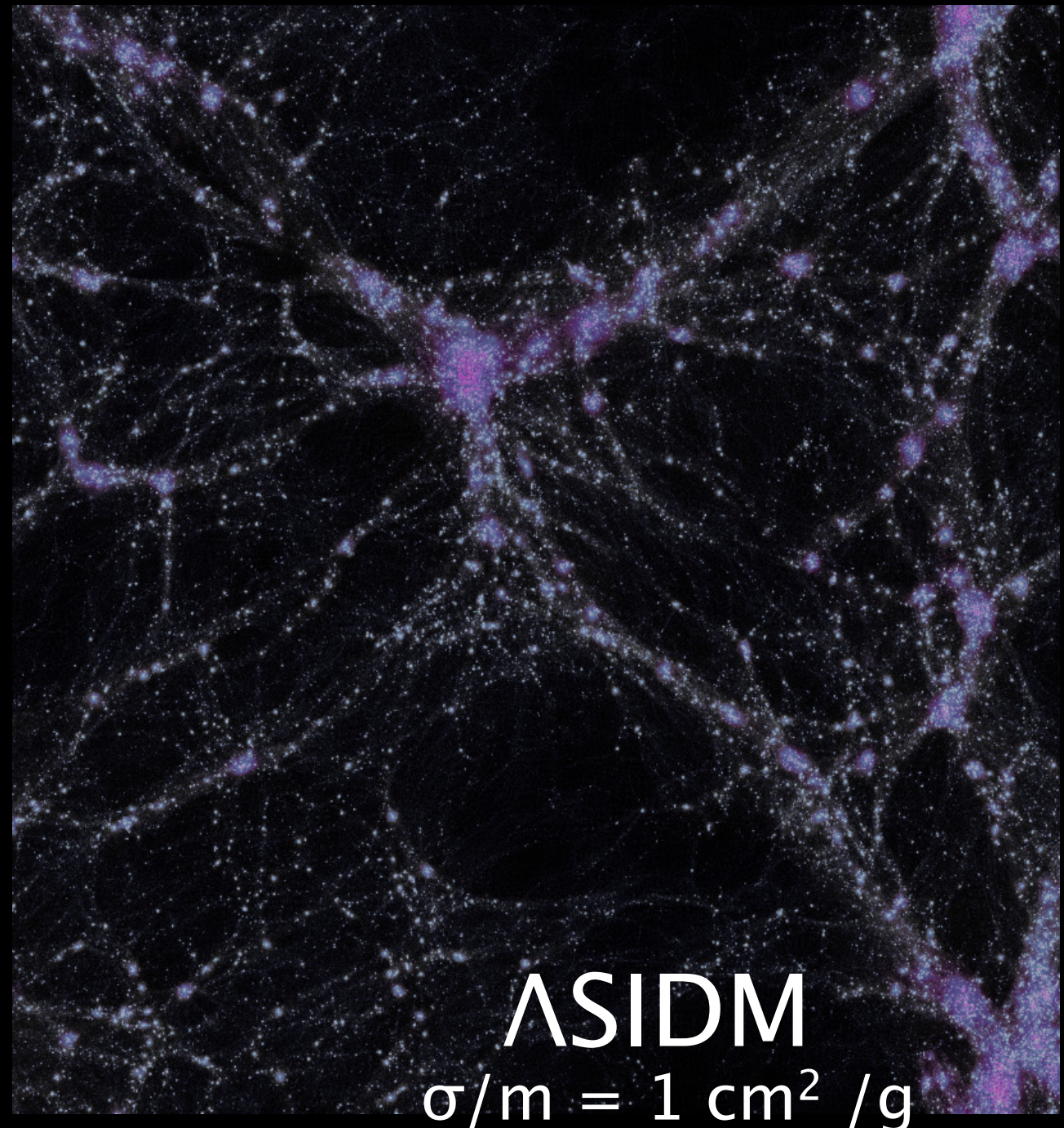


# Results from cosmological simulations - Halo densities, shapes & substructure

## Identical large-scale structure



50 Mpc/h



$\sigma/m = 1 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{g}$



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## Lower central phase-space density in SIDM halos

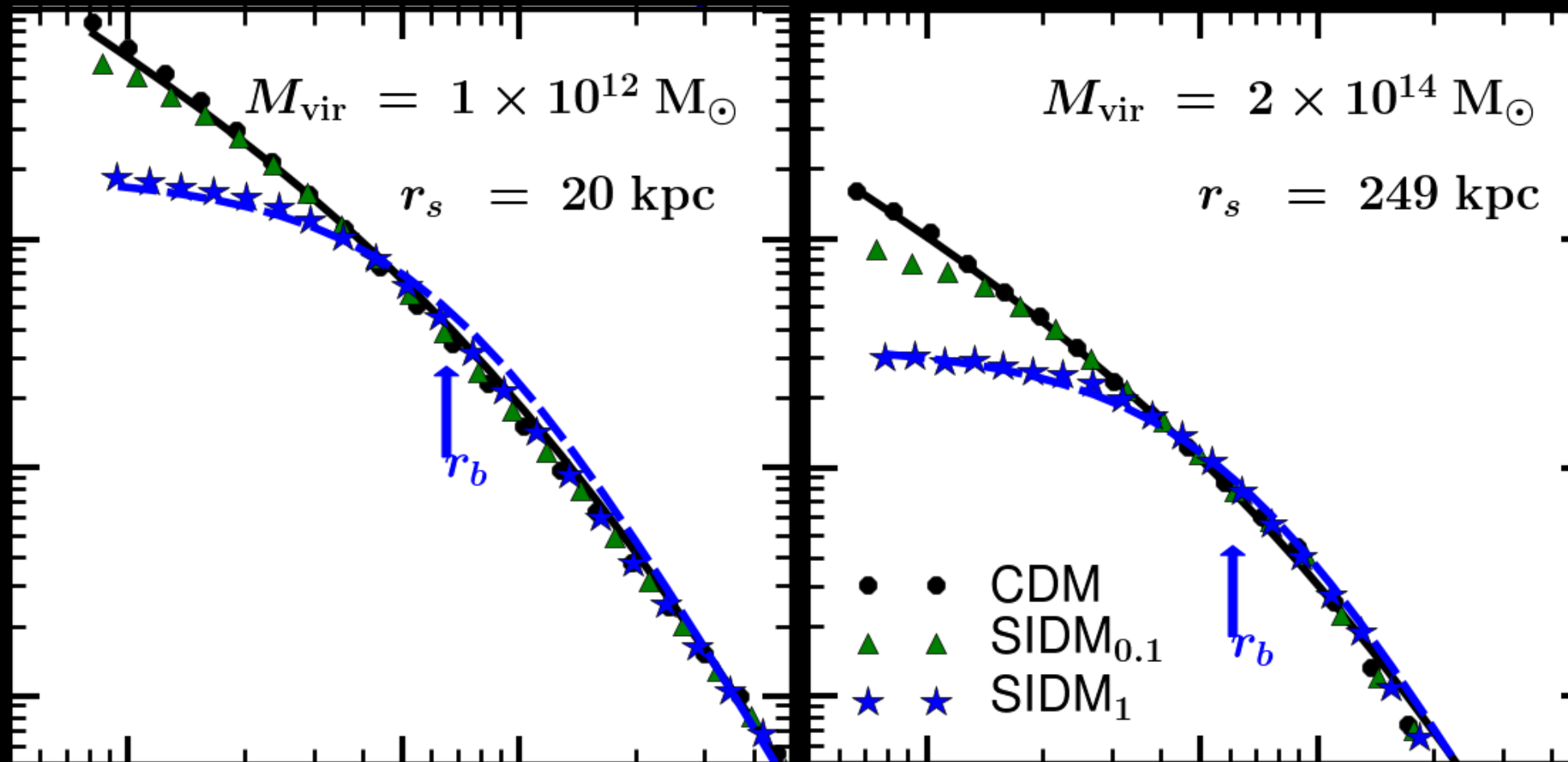
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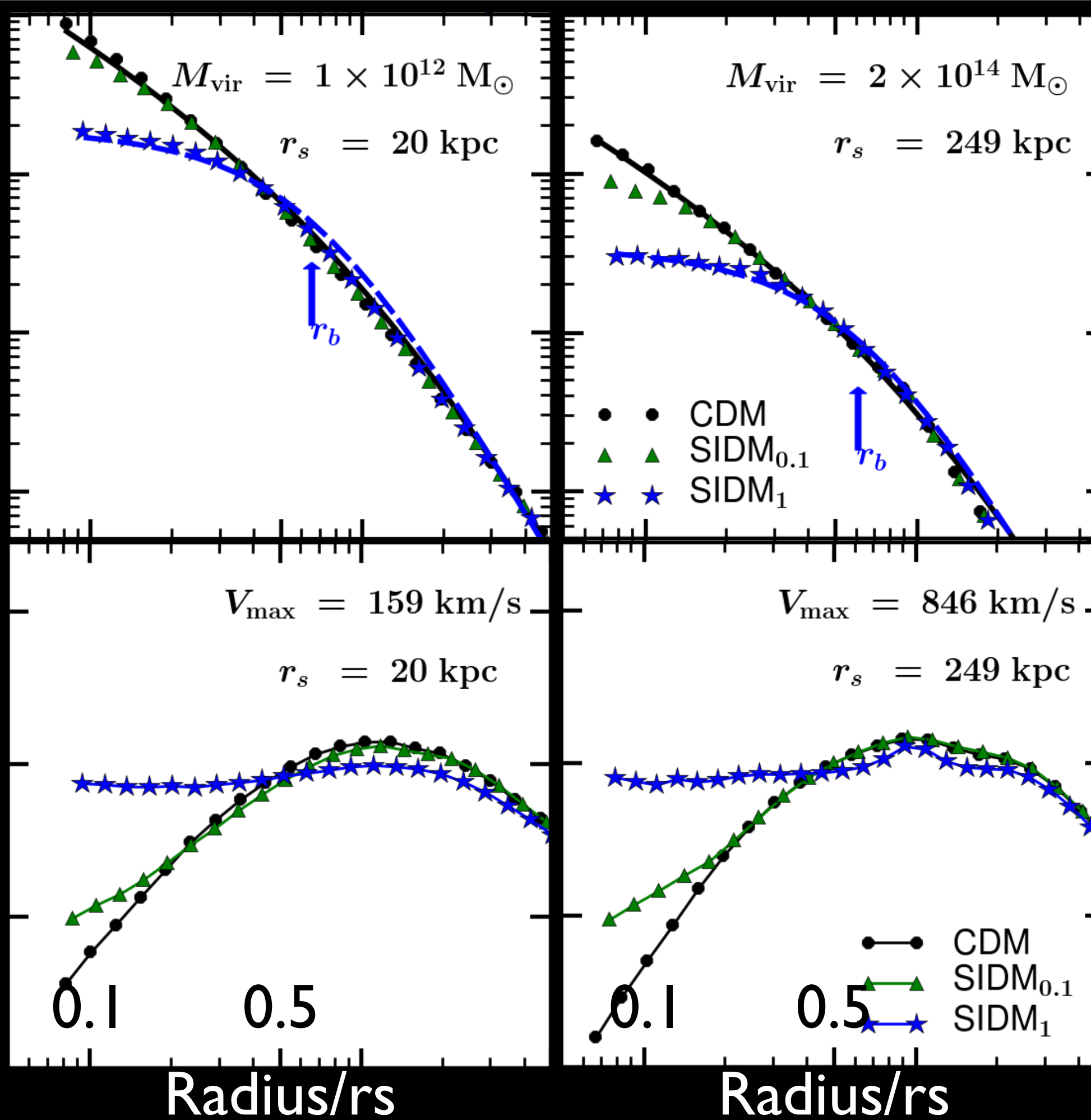
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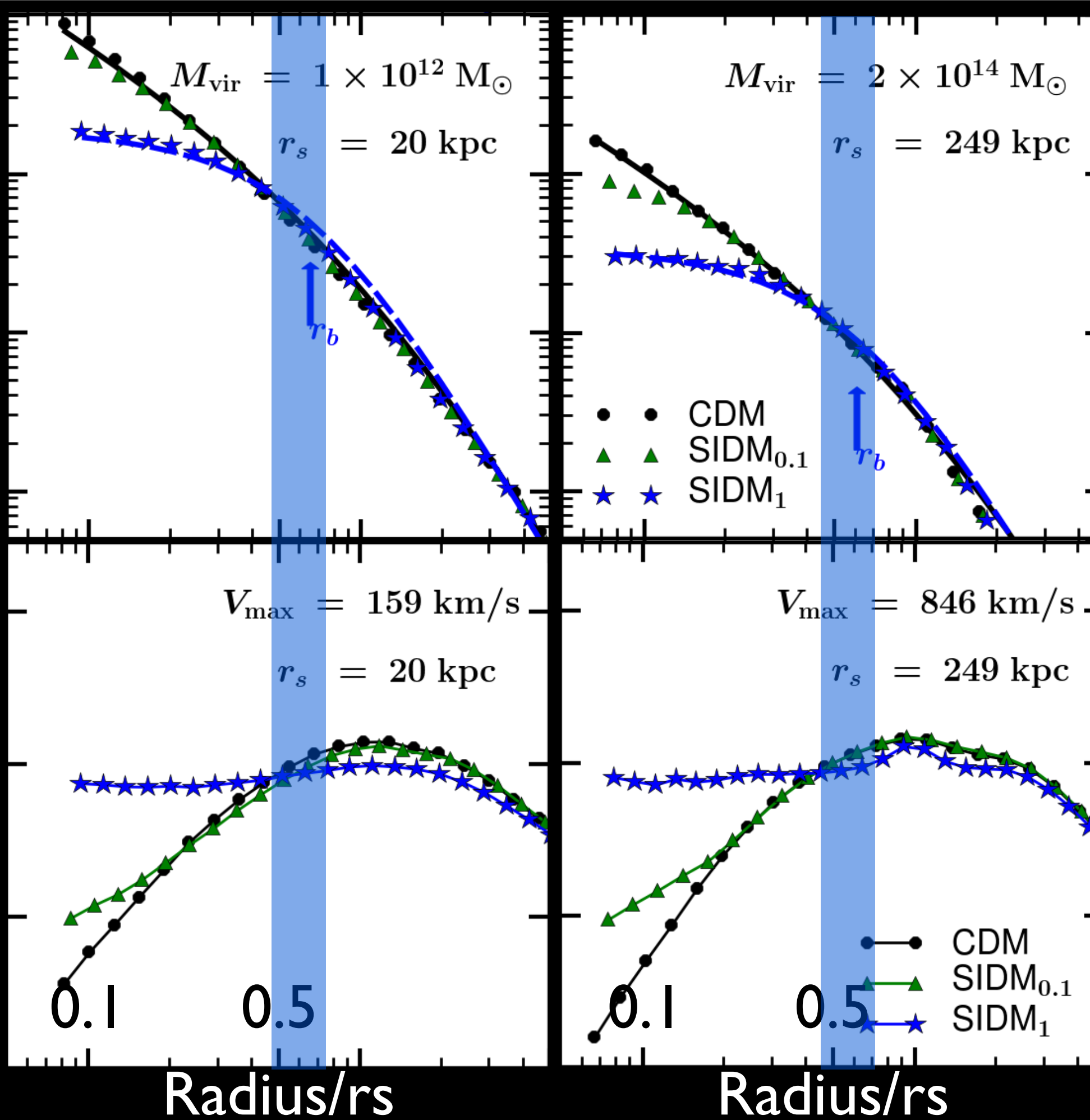
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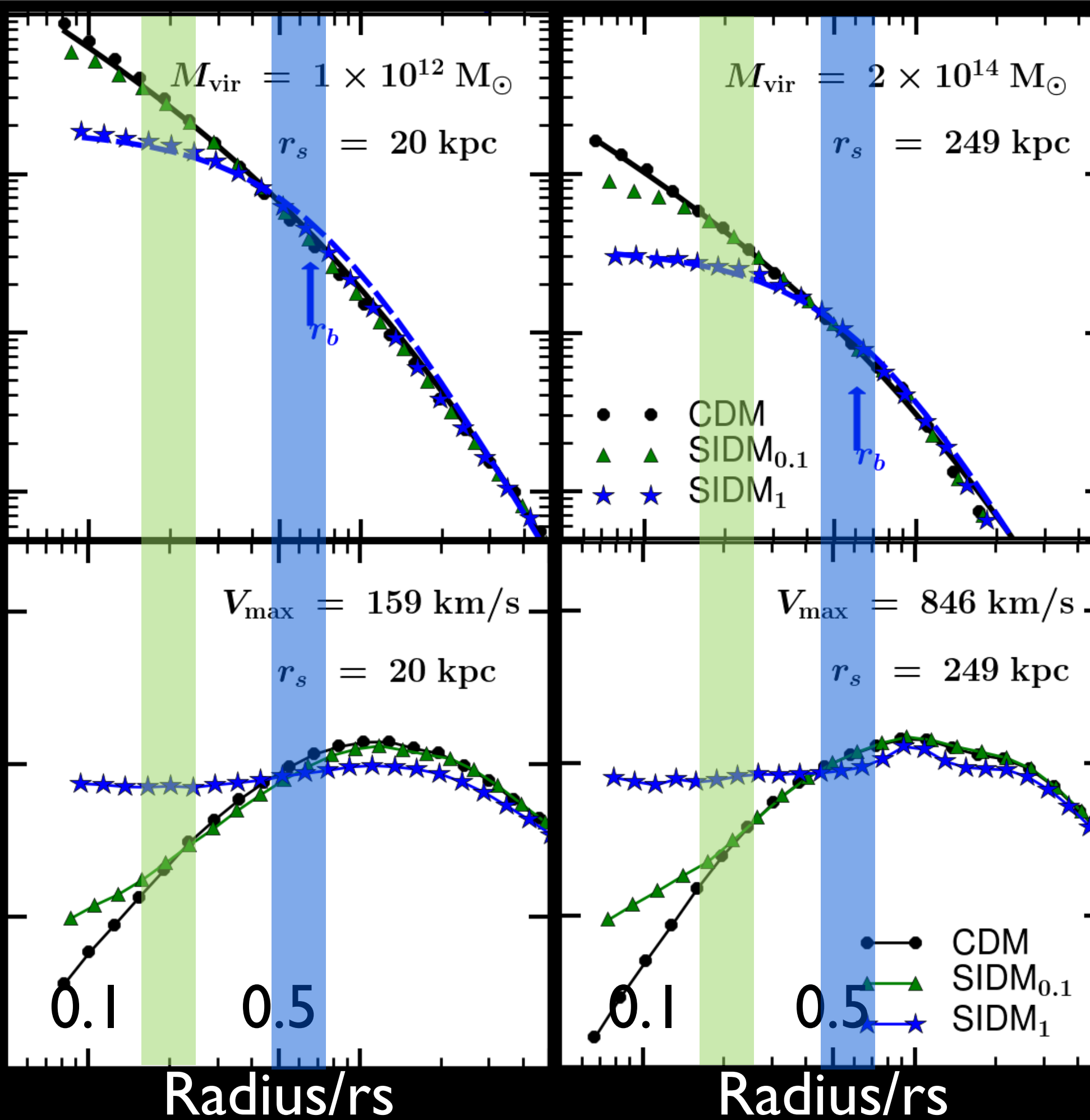


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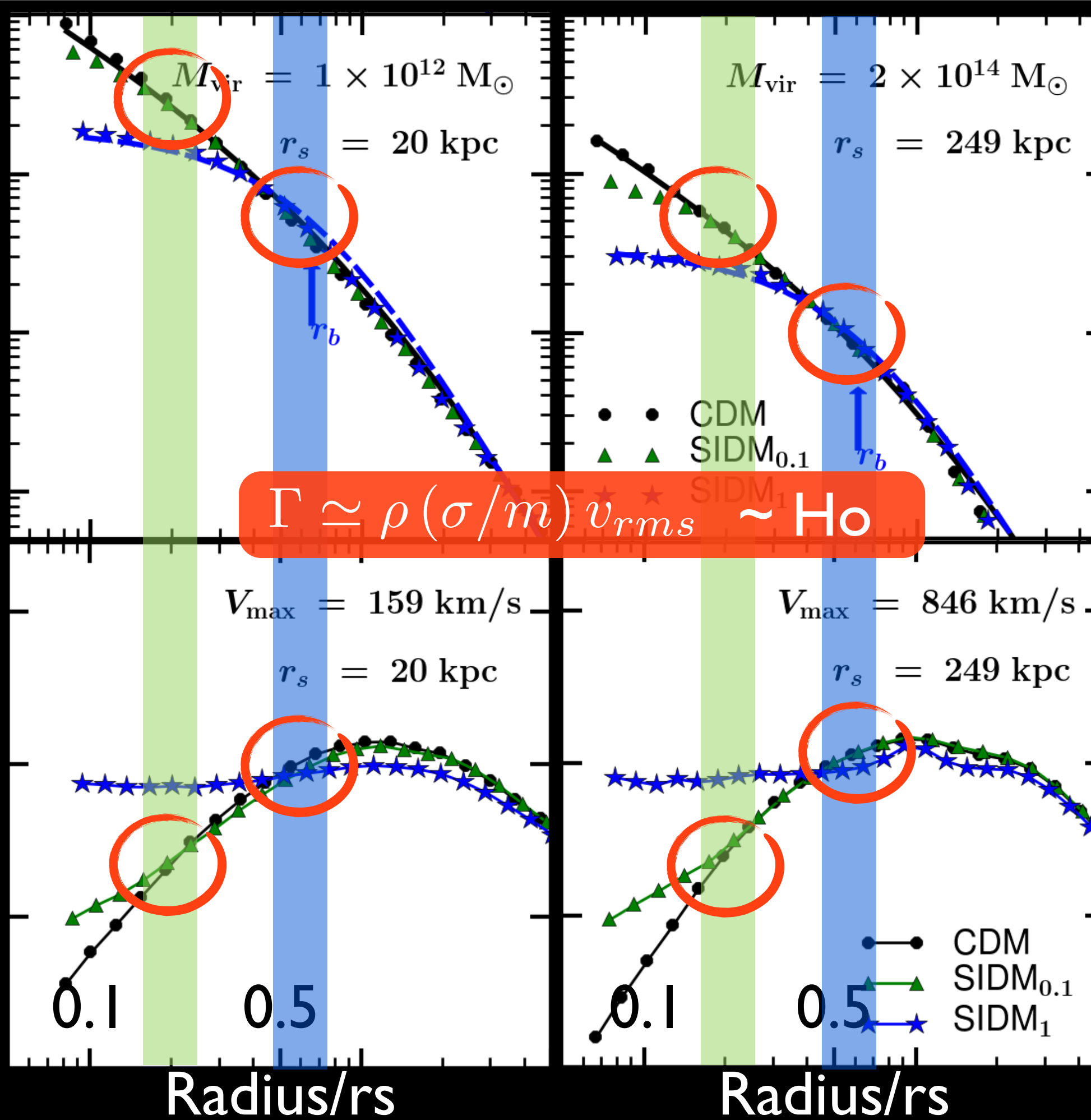


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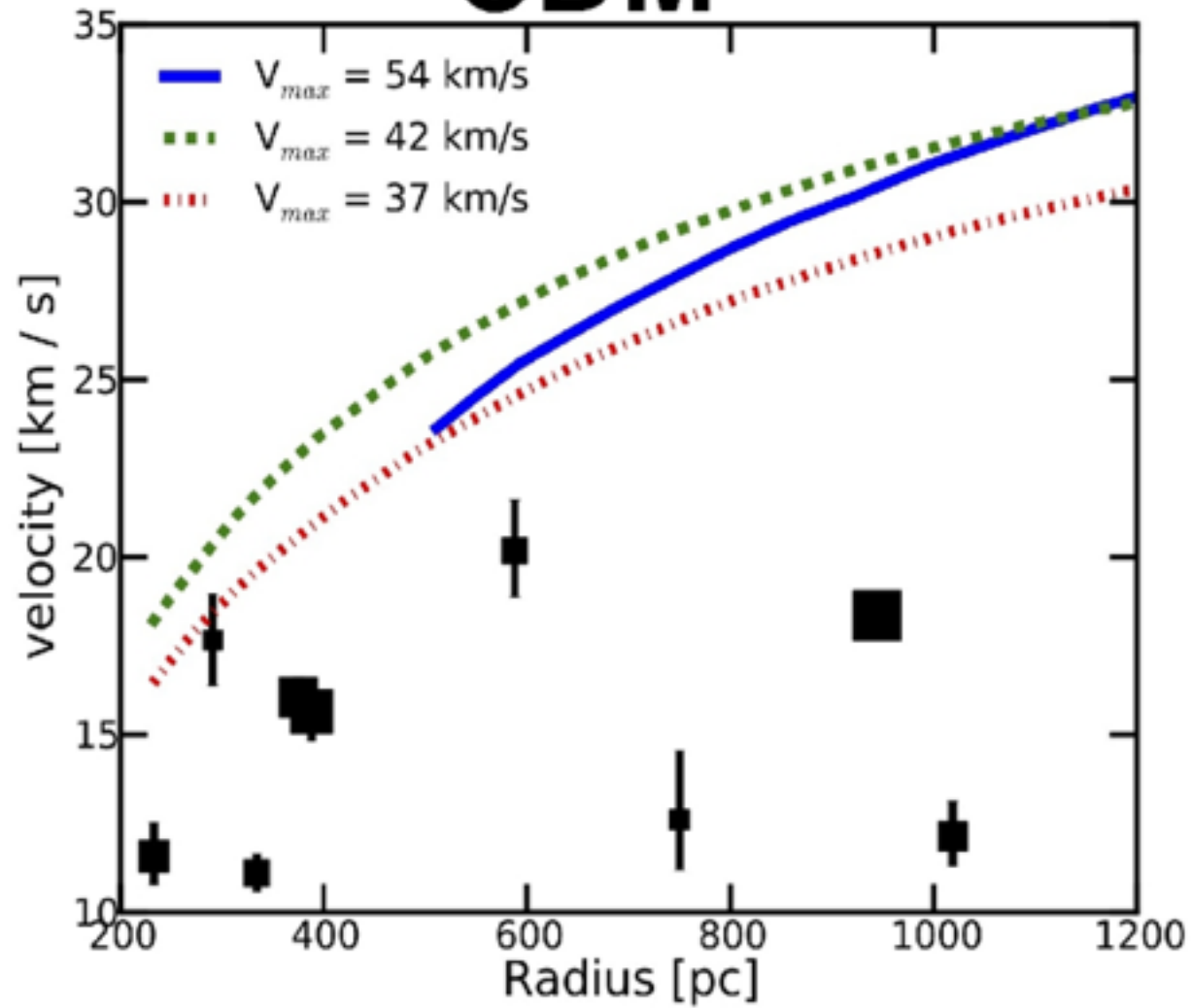


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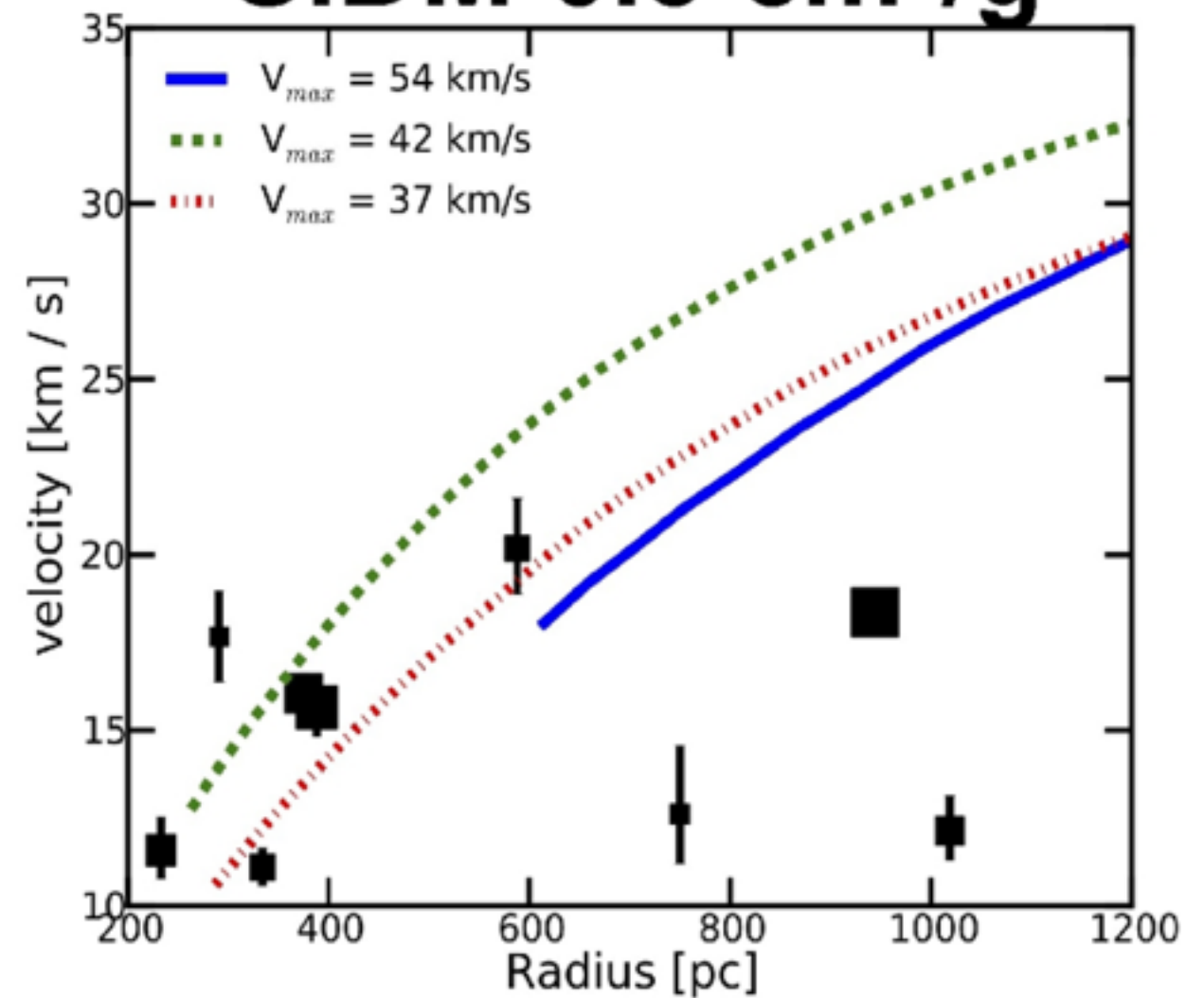
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# Work in progress - Dwarfs

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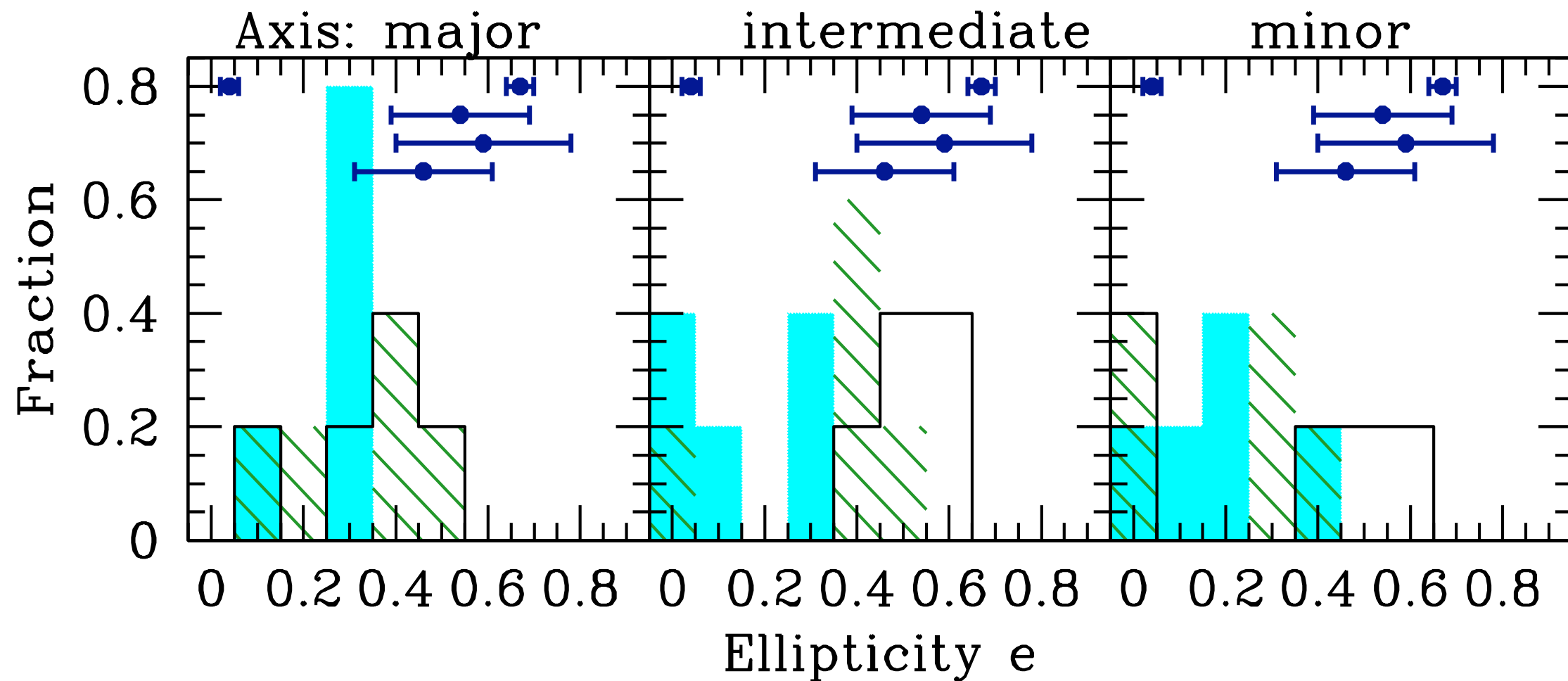


## SIDM 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup>/g



Oliver Elbert et al in prep.

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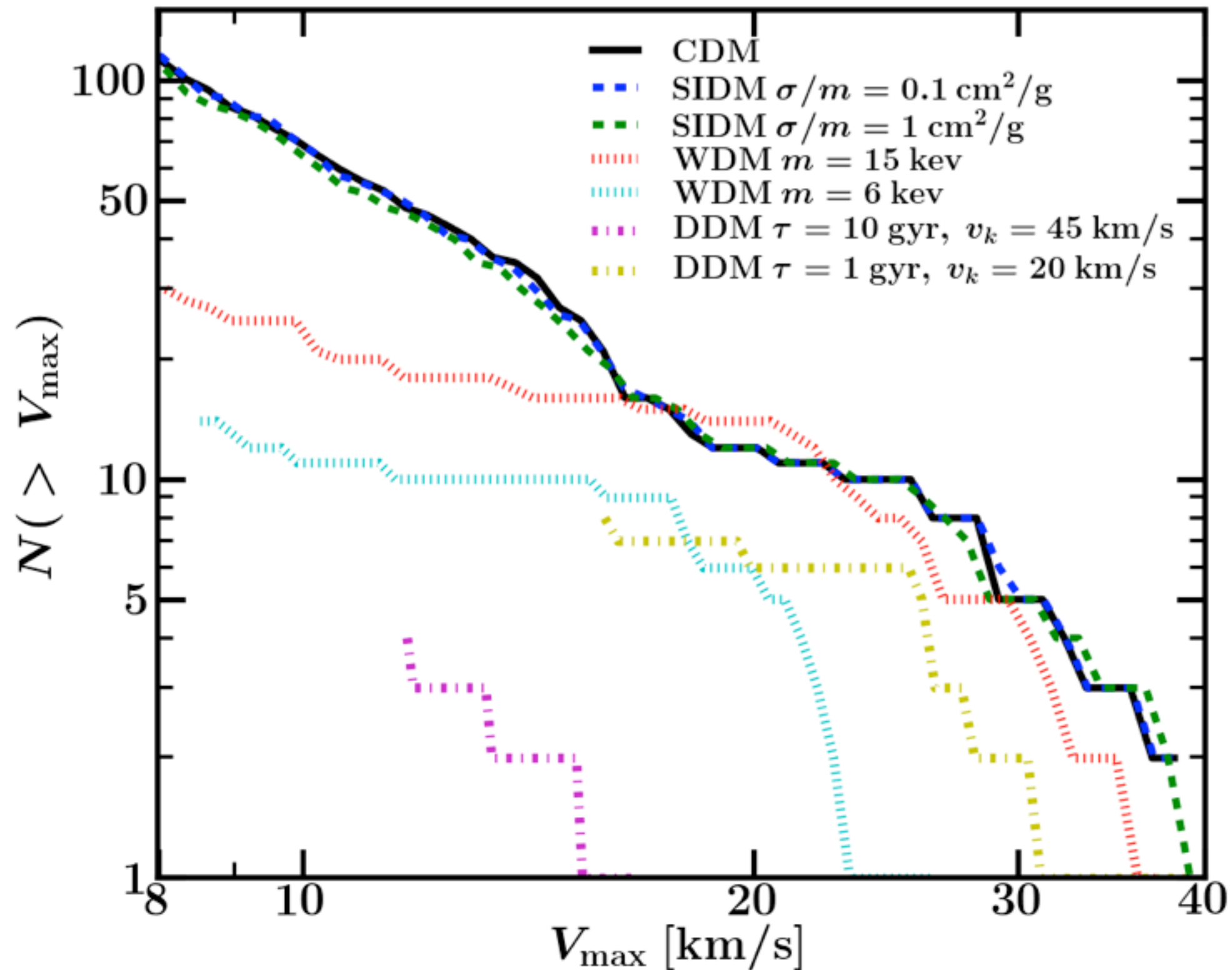


**$\sigma/m < 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  looks more likely!**

This is more than an order of magnitude less stringent than Miralda-Escude (2002), the reason is that:

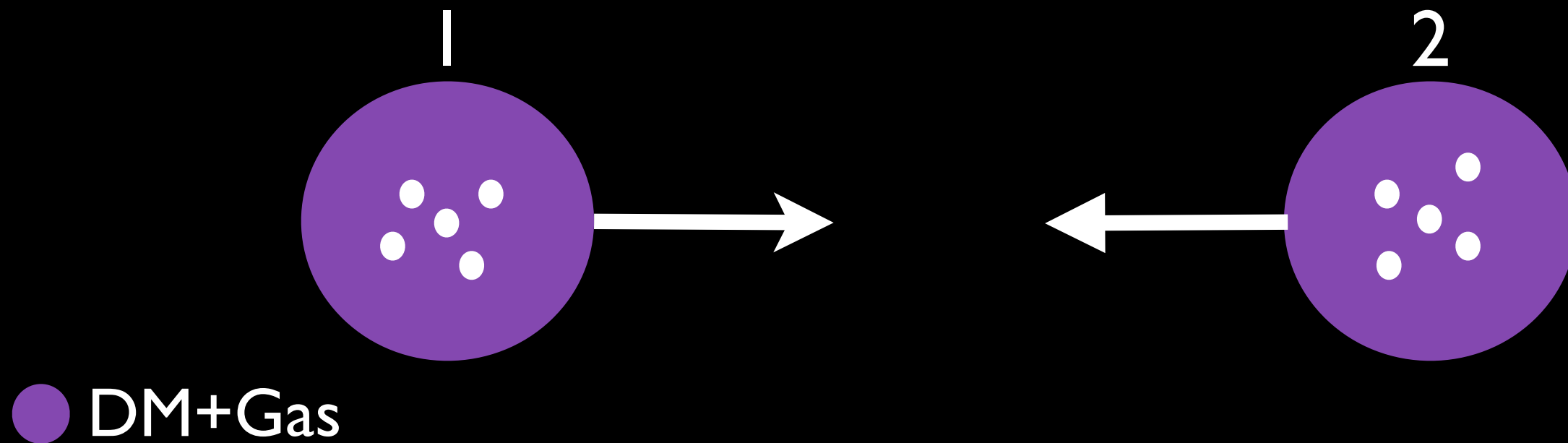
- Halos get spherical only within the cores
- If inner parts have flattened density, outer parts have even greater weight.

# Results from cosmological simulations - Substructure



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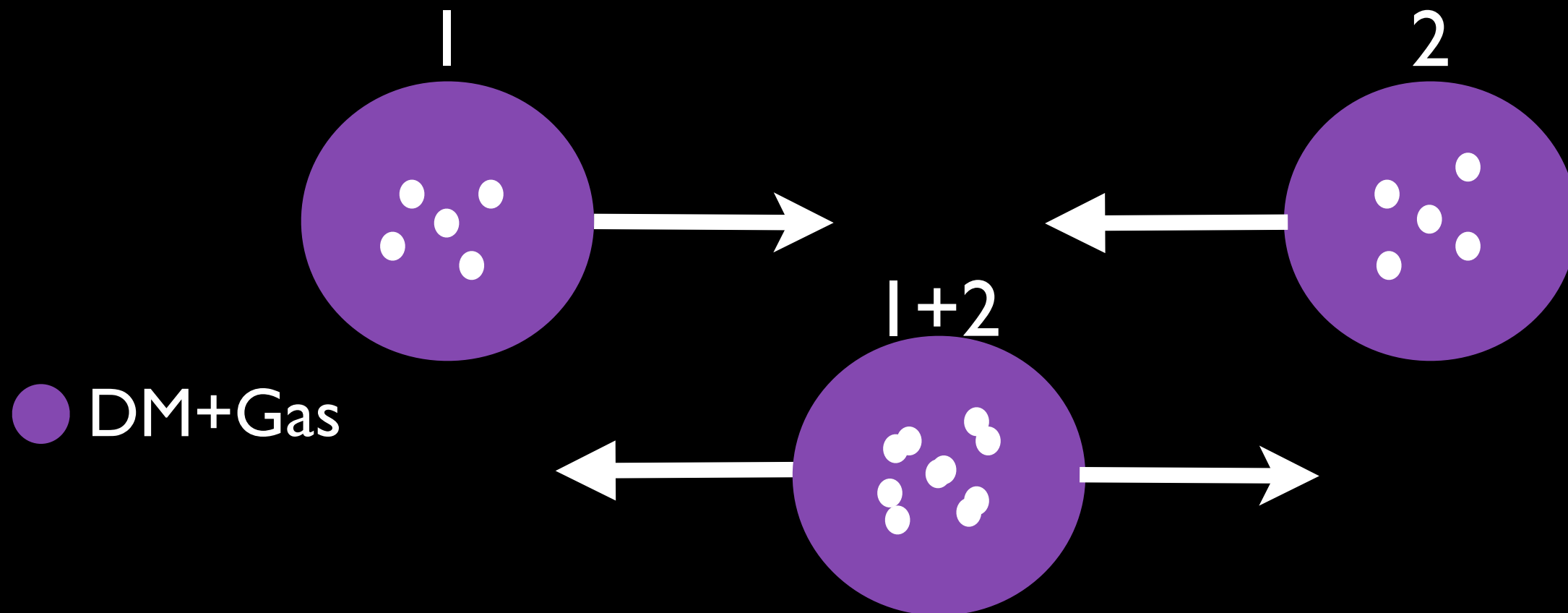
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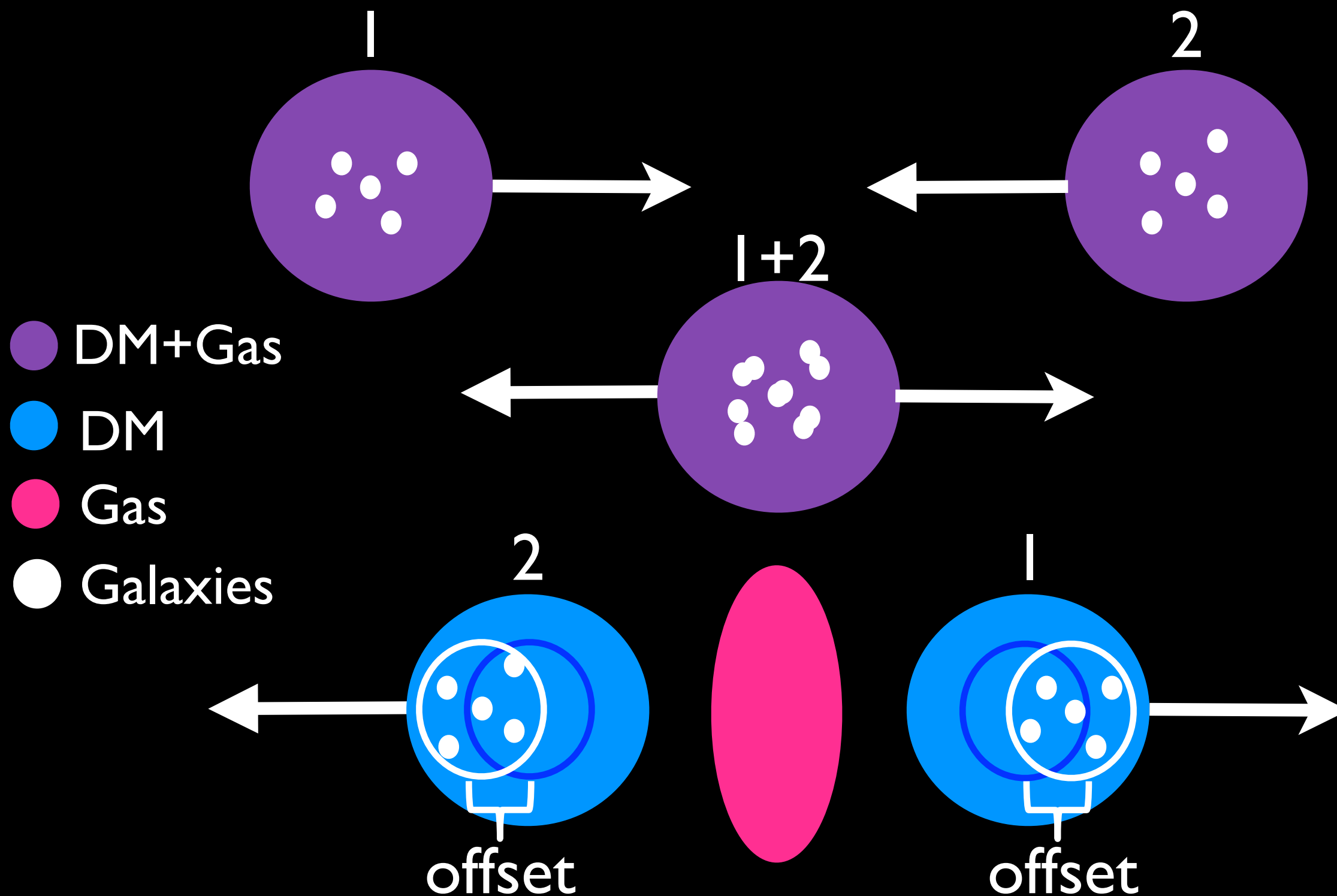
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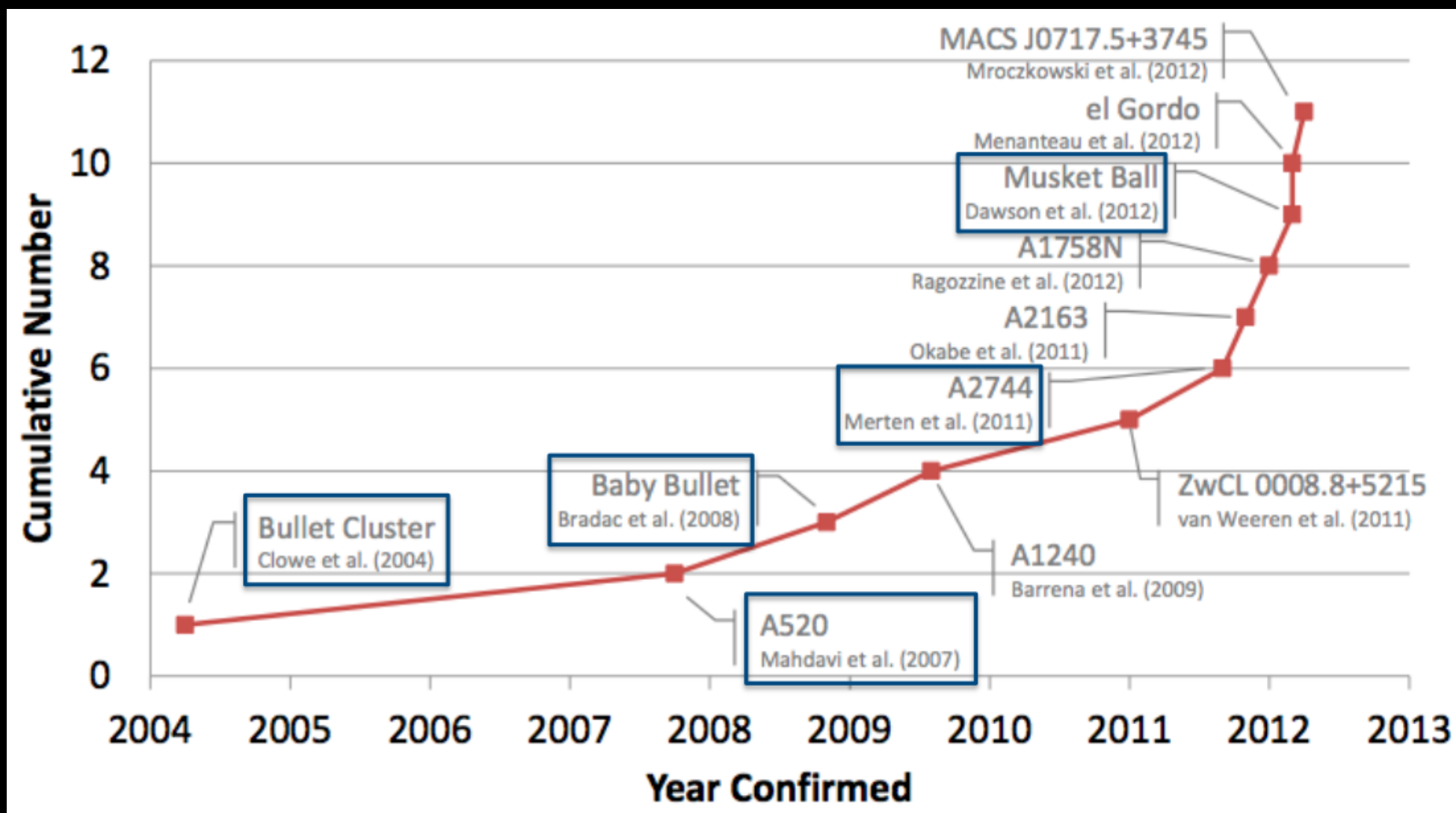
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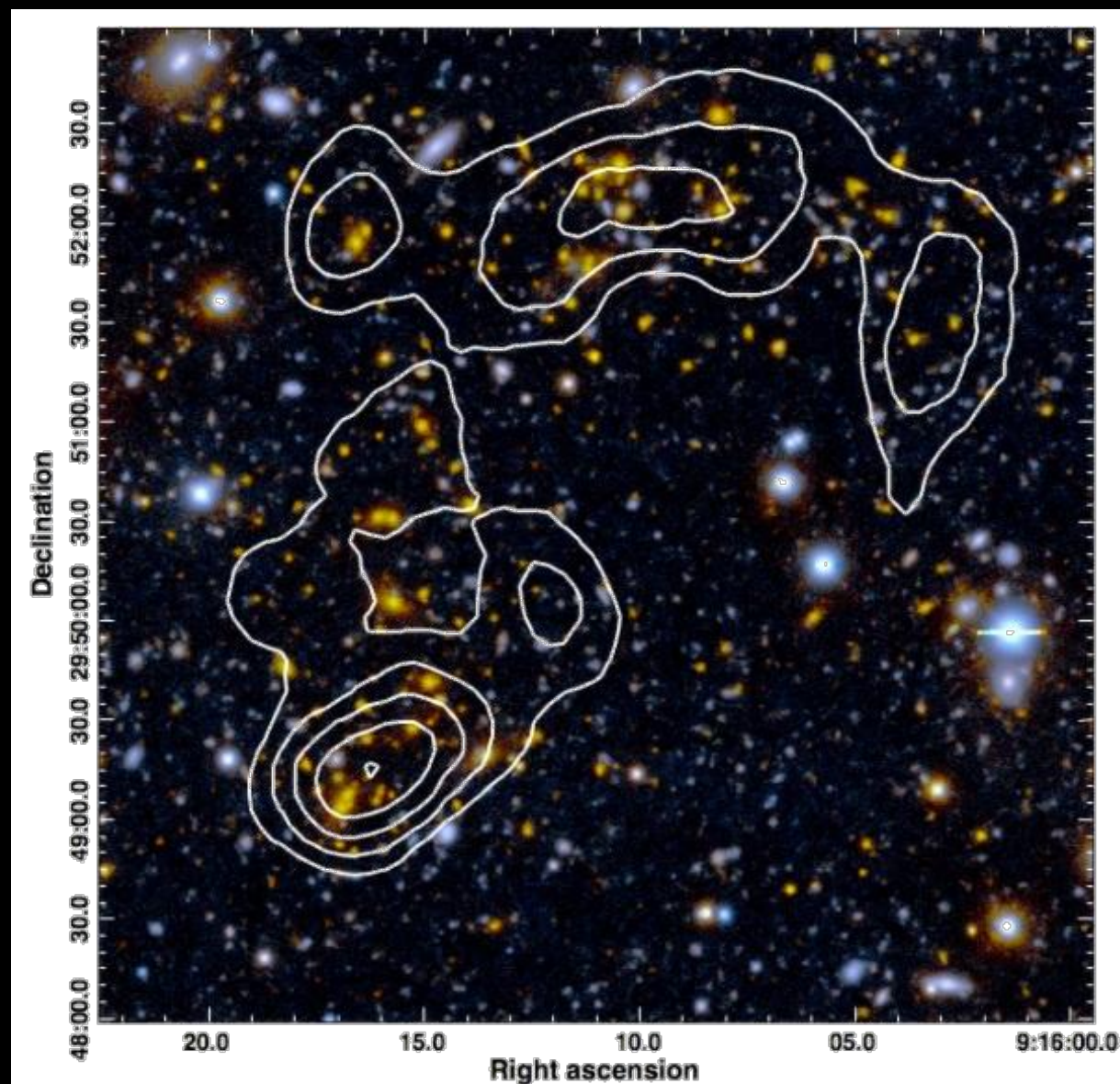
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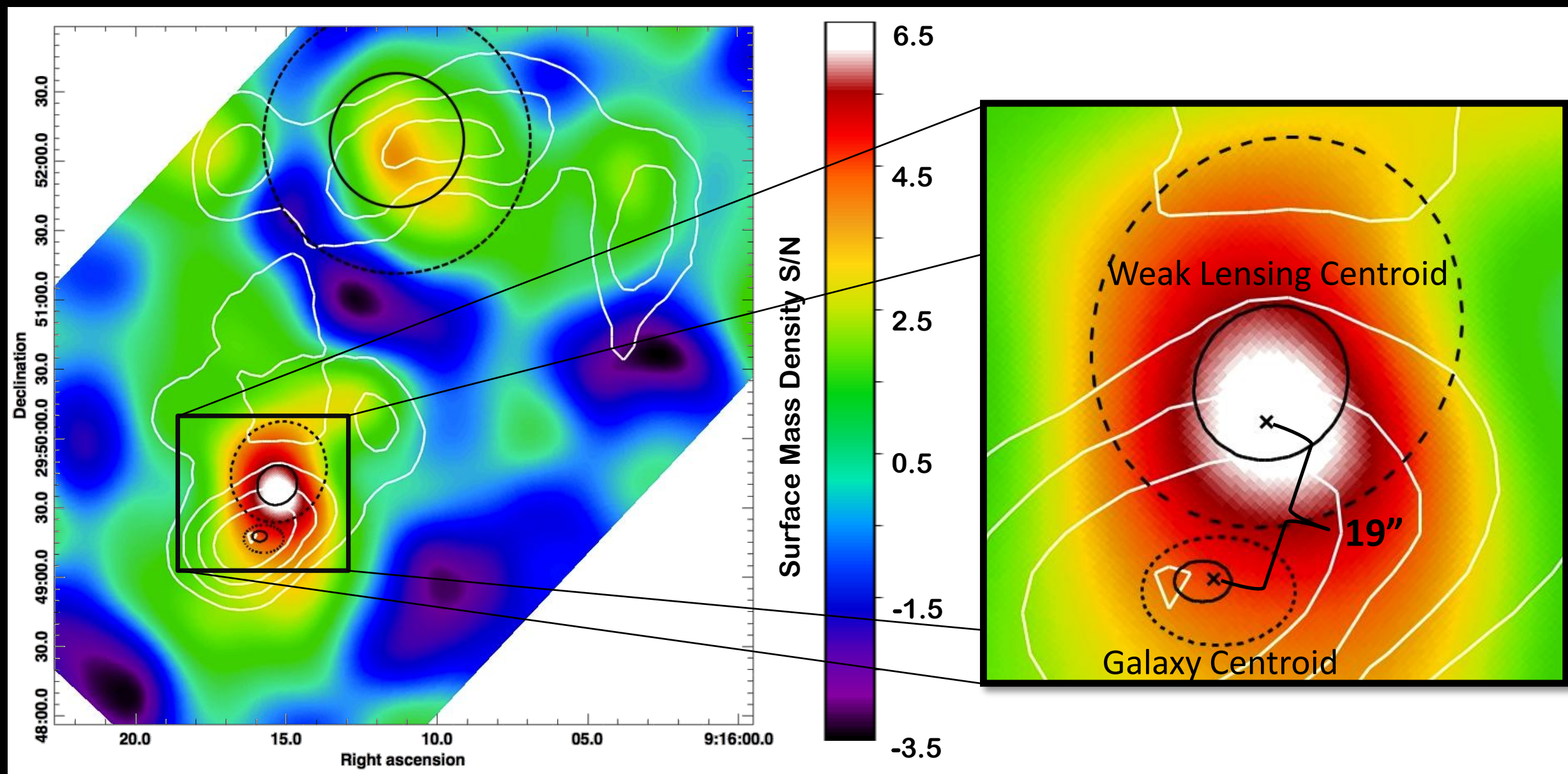
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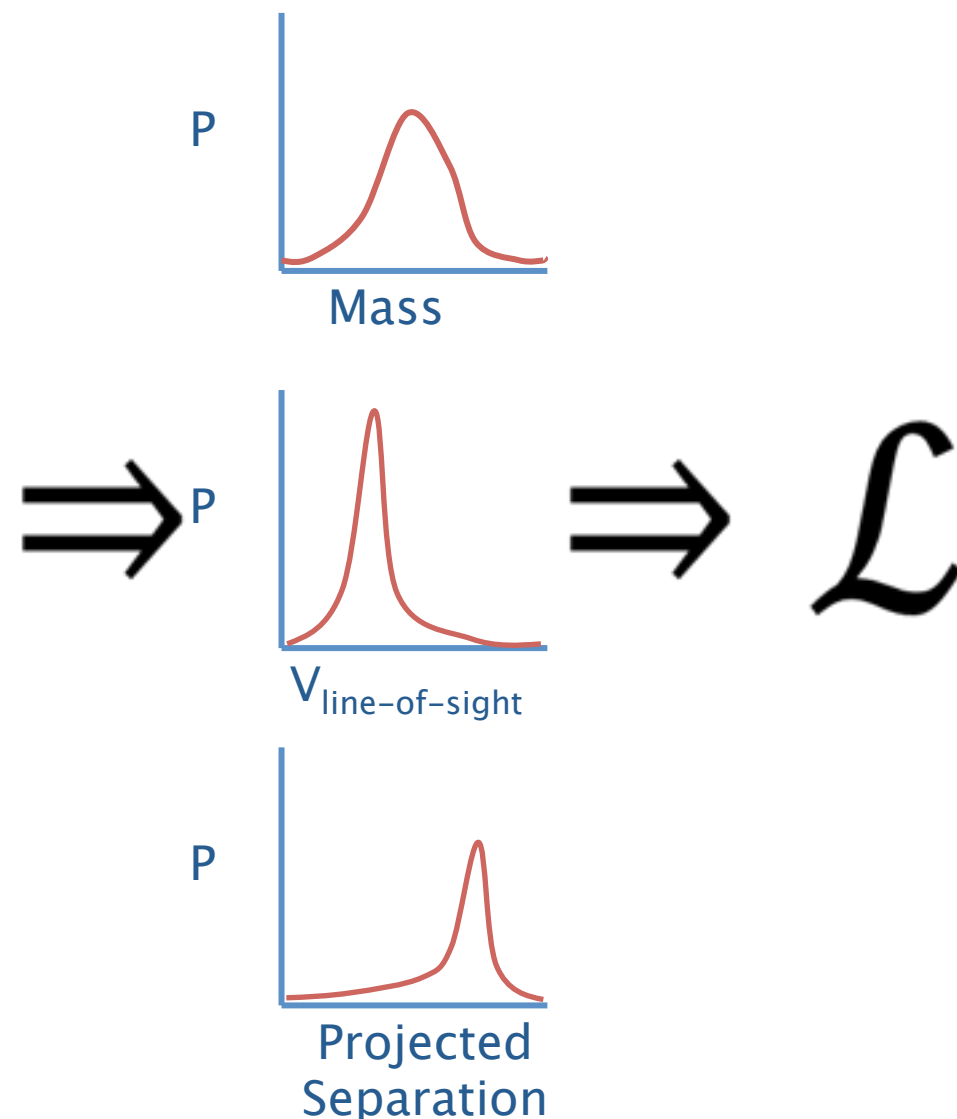
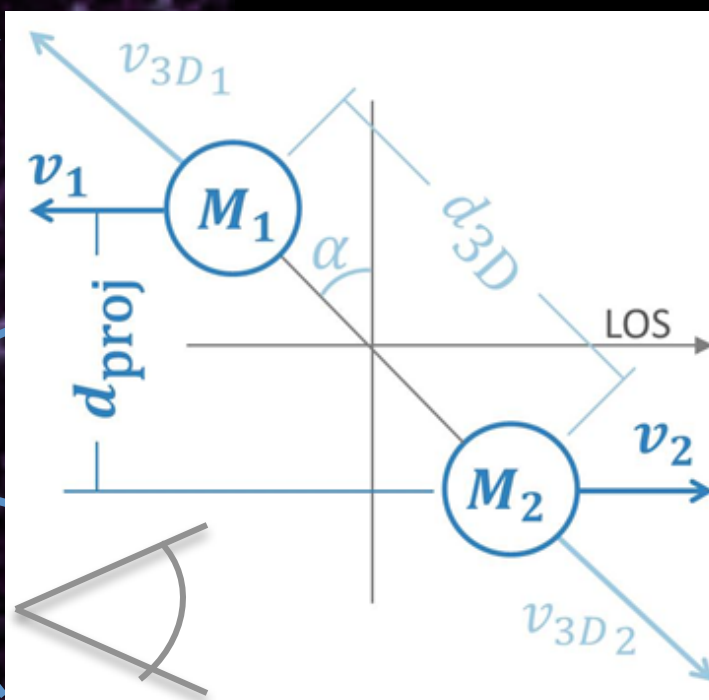
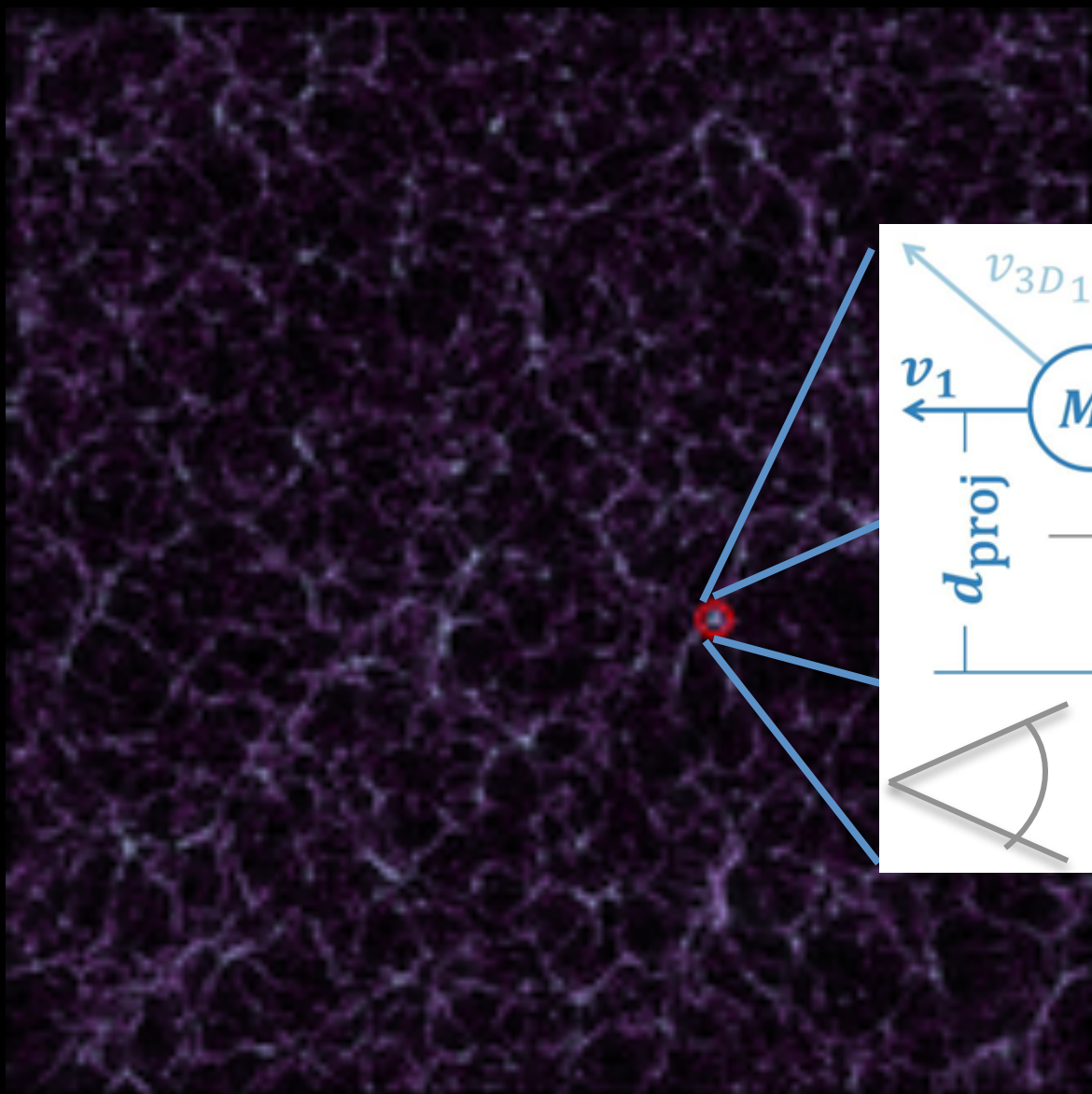


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Predictions vs. Observations

Importance Sampling



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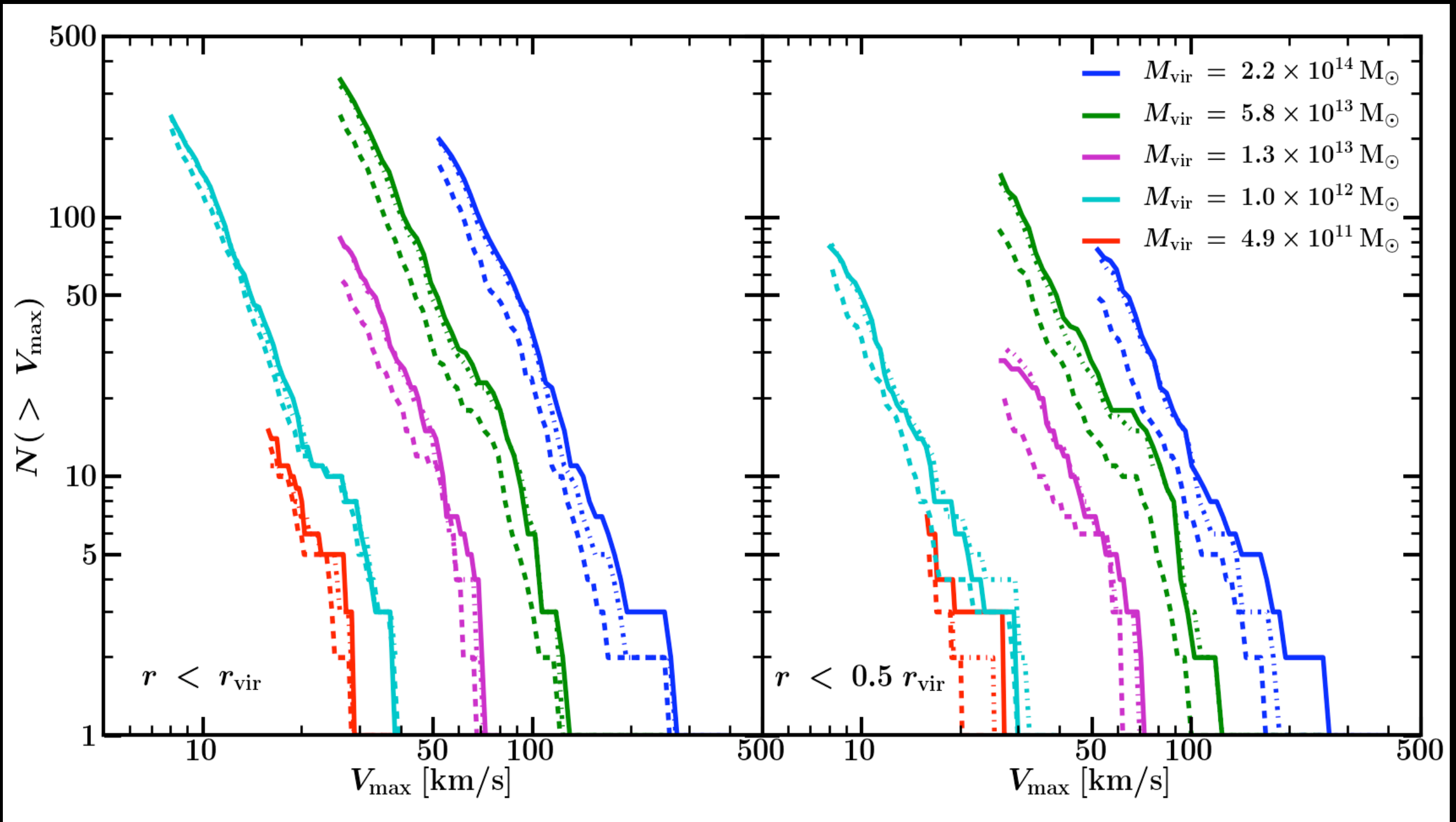
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- SIDM with  $\sigma/m < 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  is not ruled out by any observations
- Cross-sections of  $\sigma/m \sim 0.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  can solve the cusp/core problem and TBTF while still consistent with cluster observations.
- We still need to understand the effect of Baryons however.
- Merging clusters are a promising way to probe the  $\sigma/m > 0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  regime.

# Thank You

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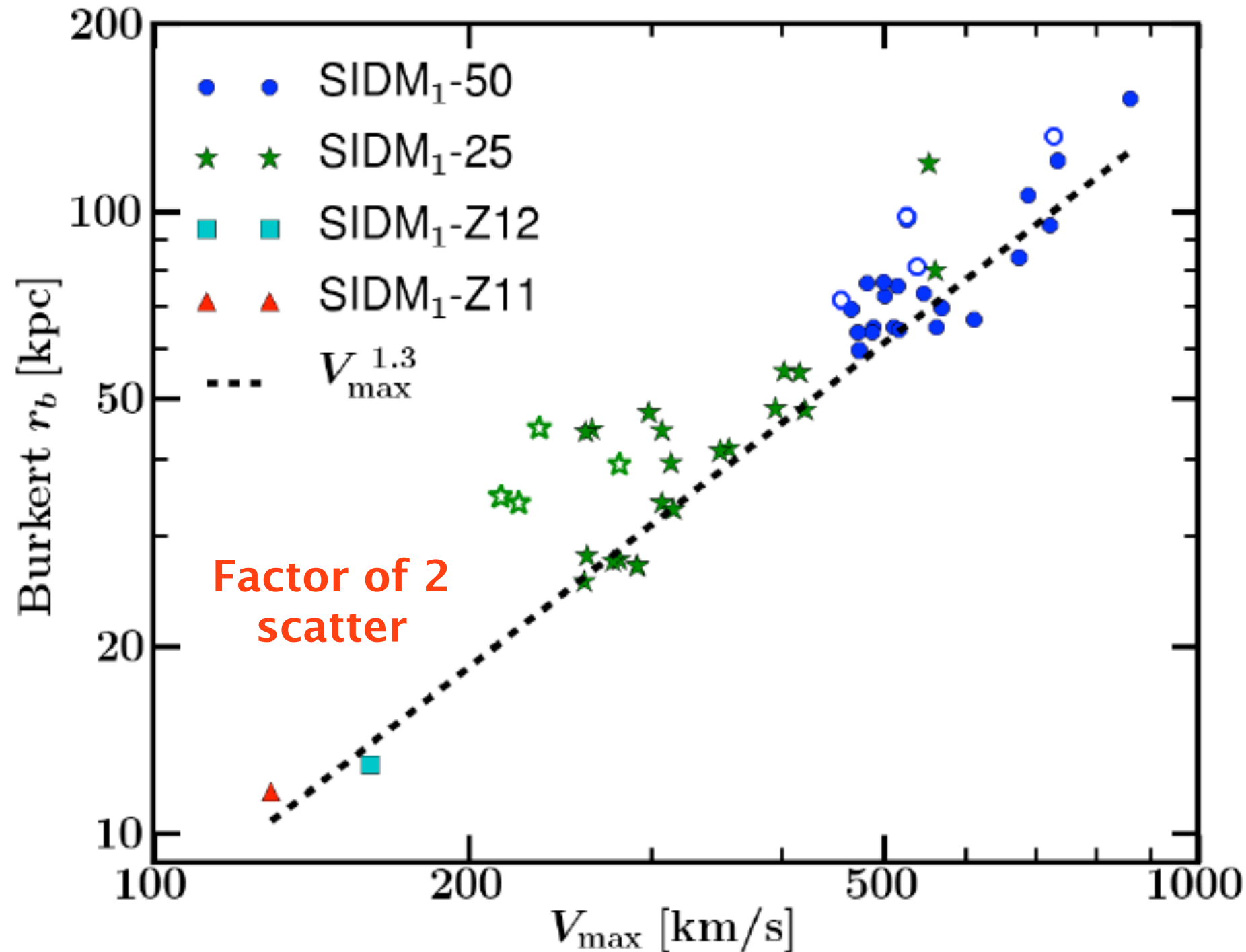
**SIDM & CDM have very similar subhalo  $V_{\max}$  functions**



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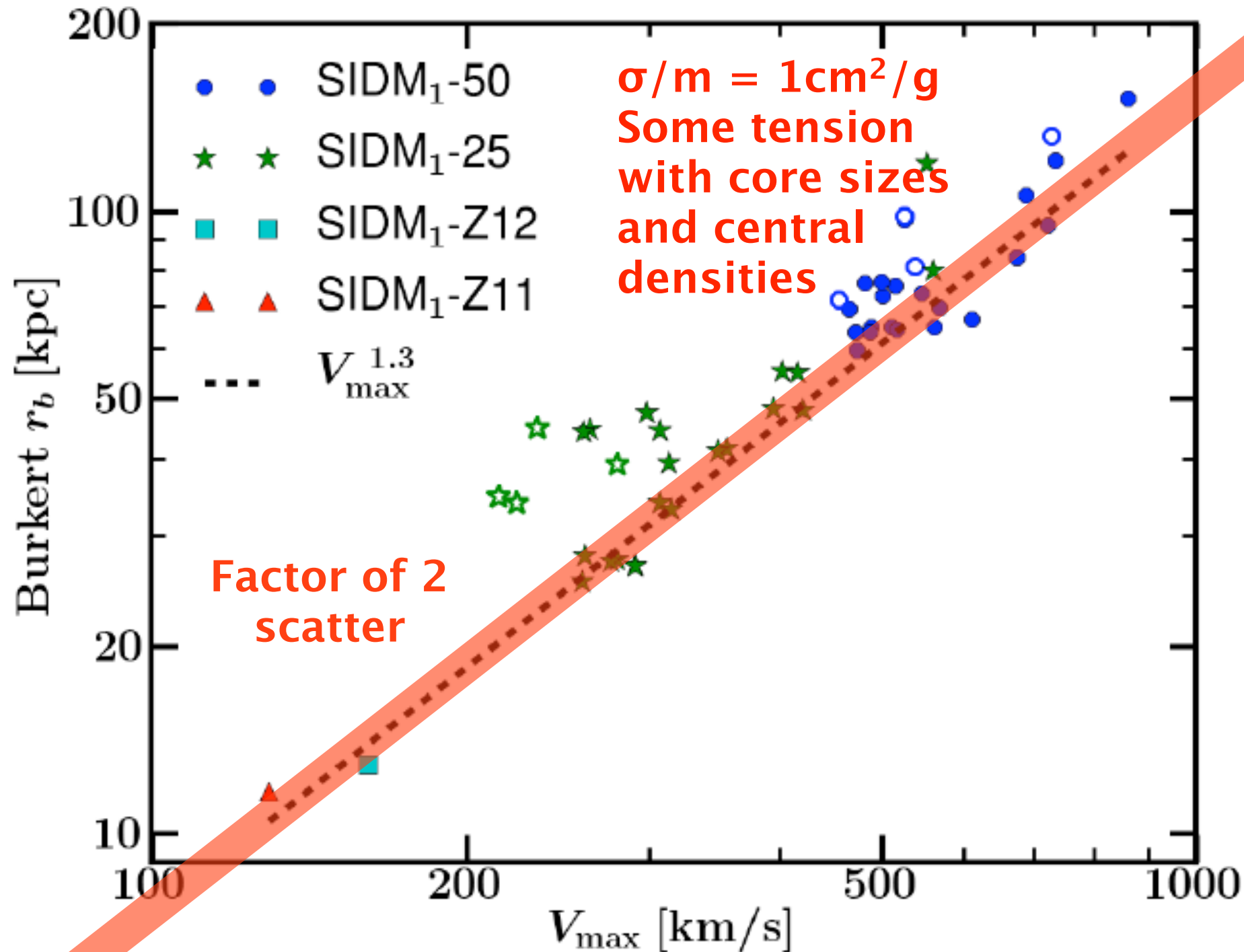
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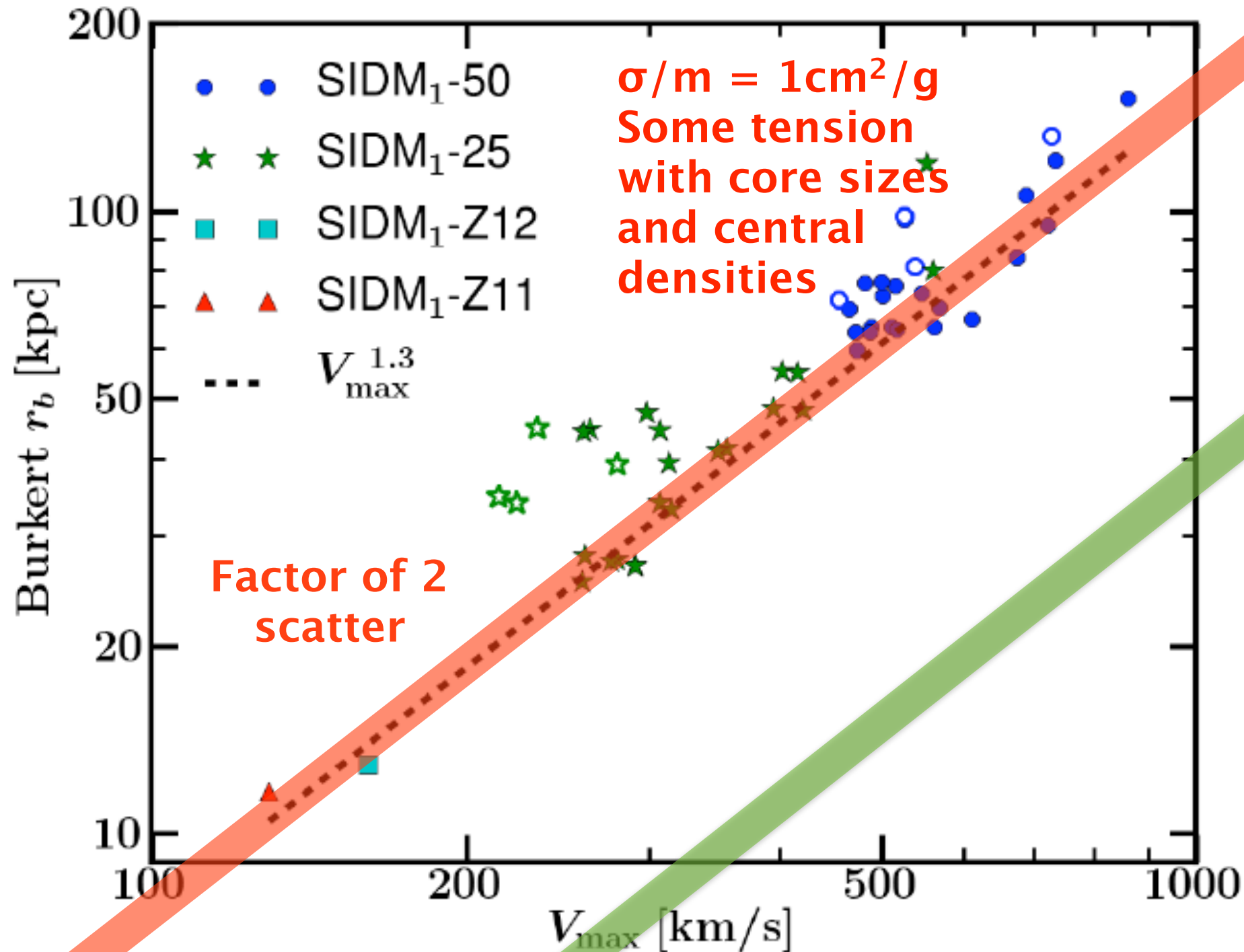
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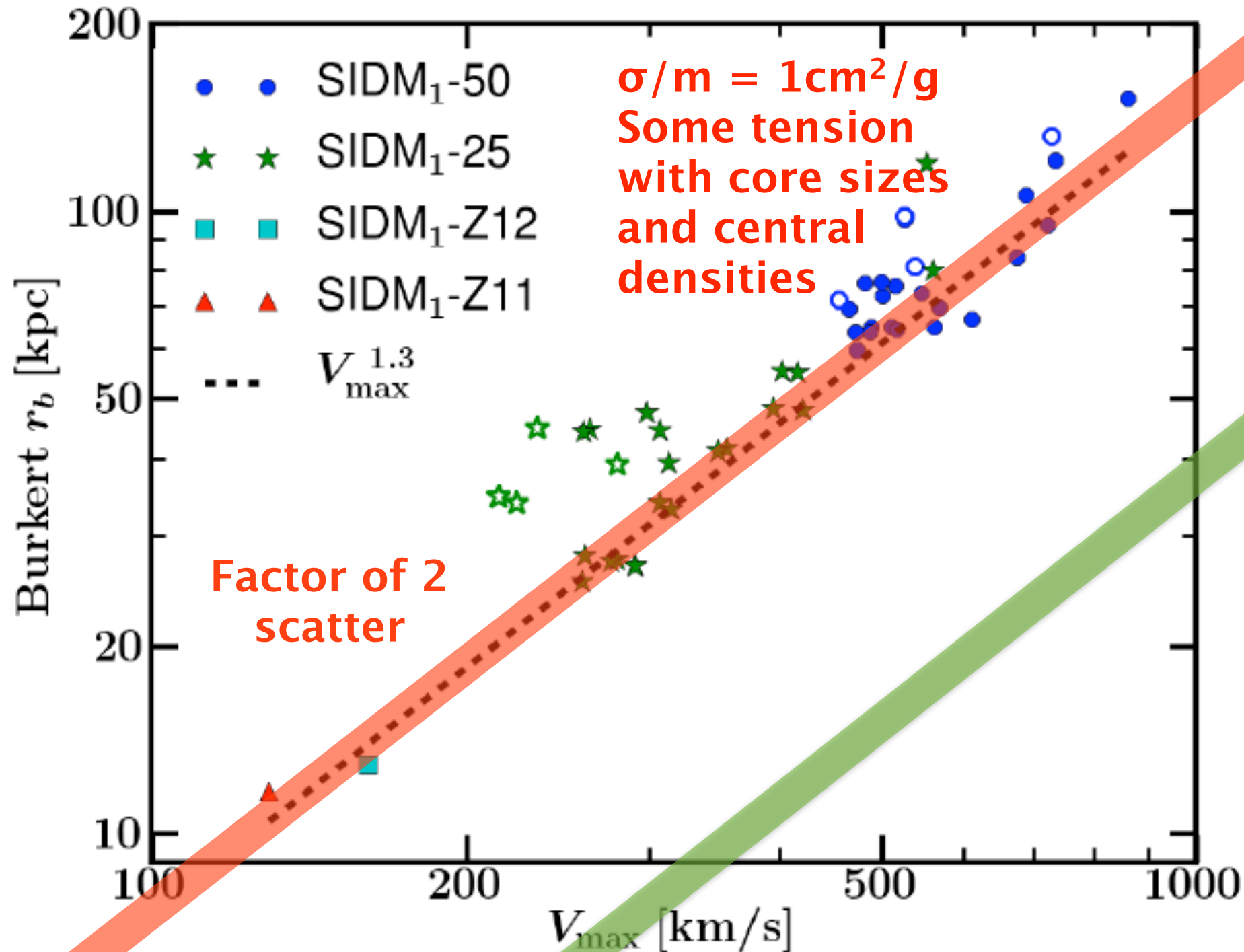
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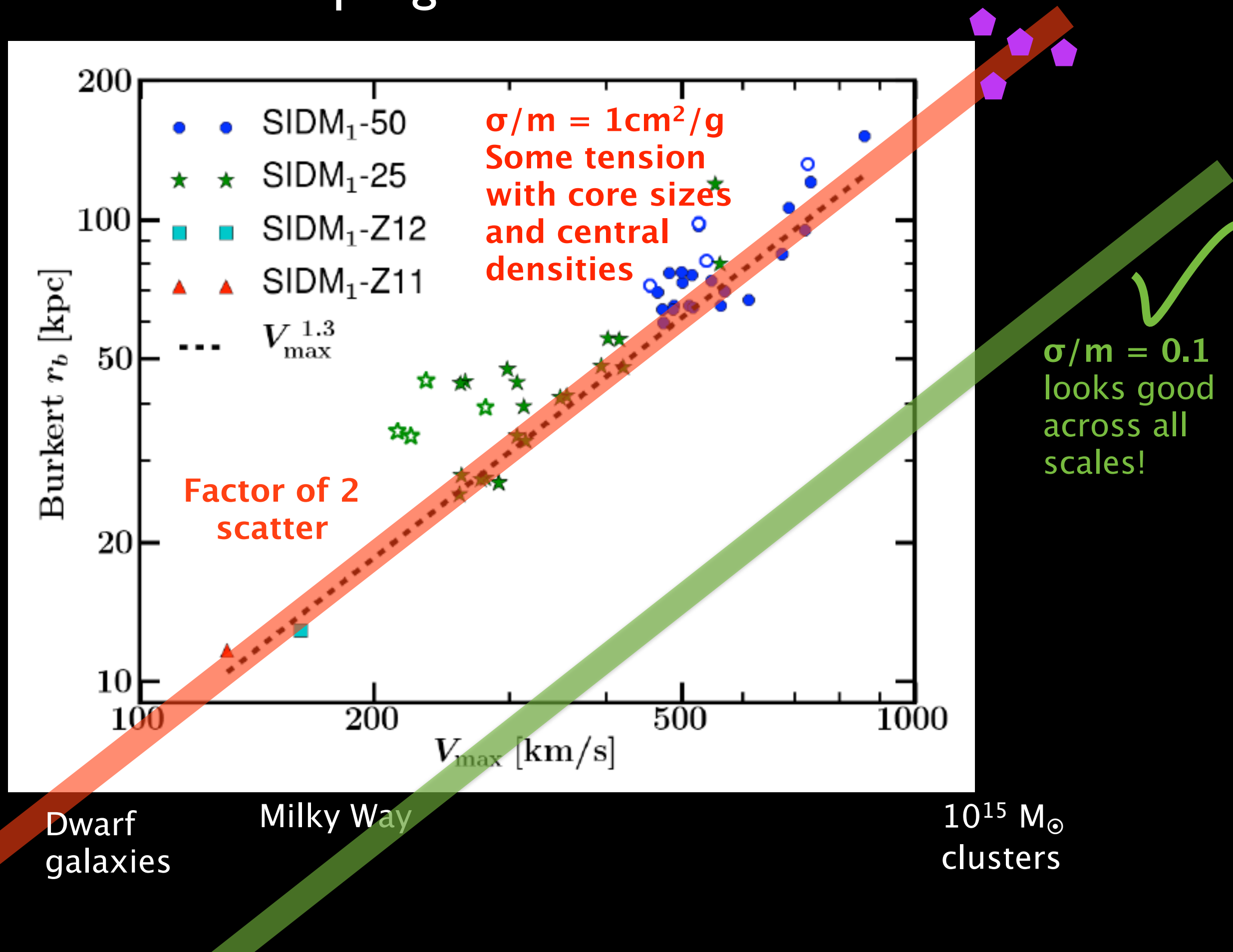
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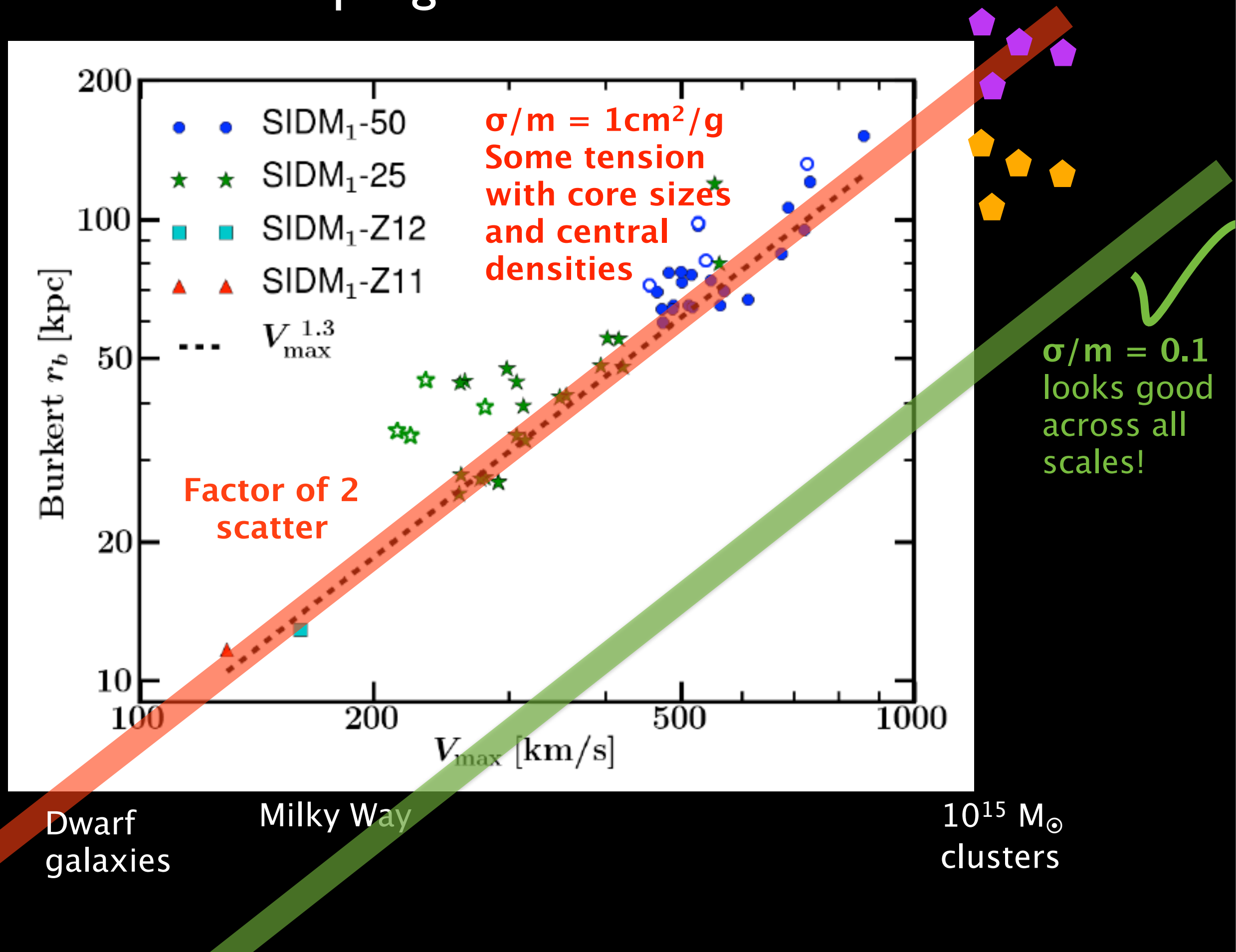
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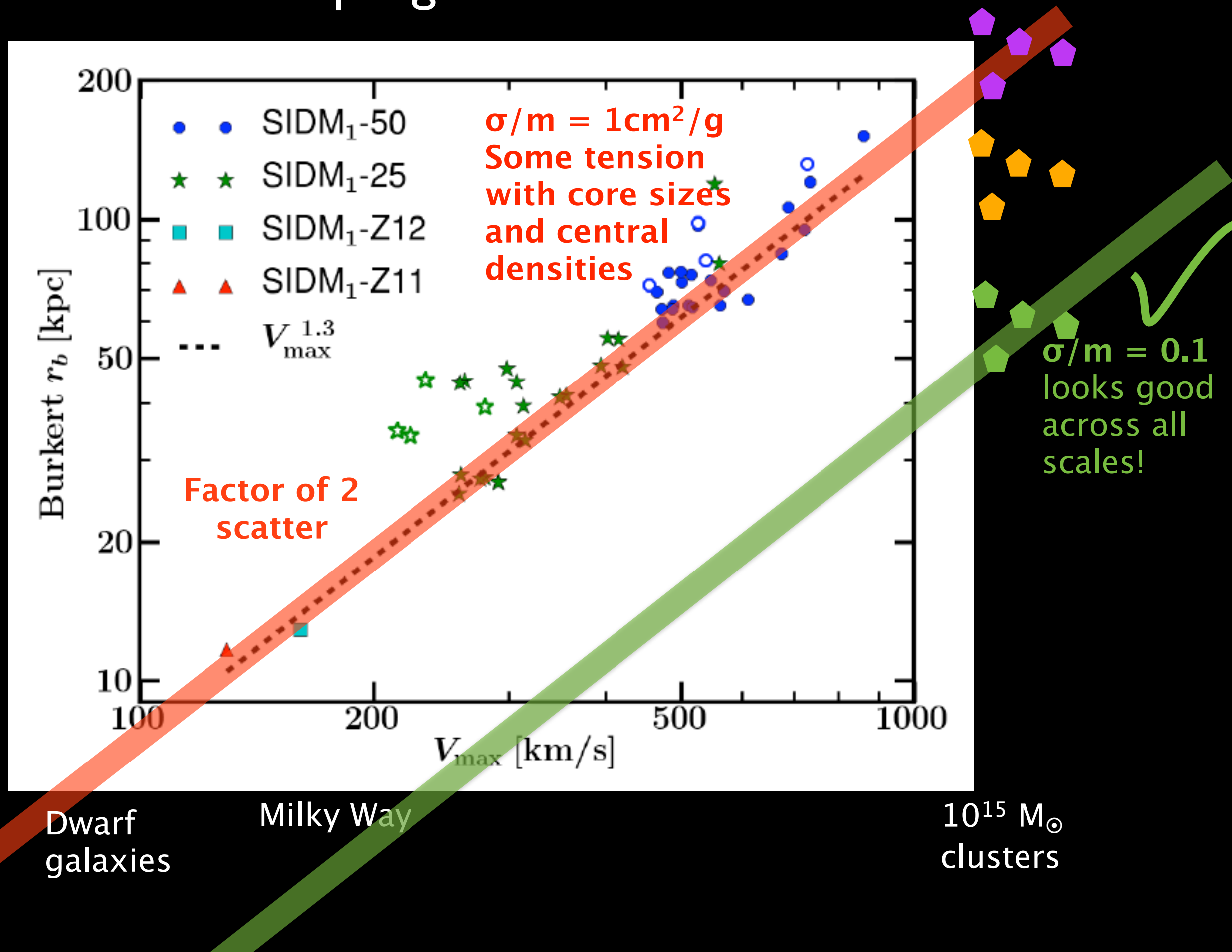
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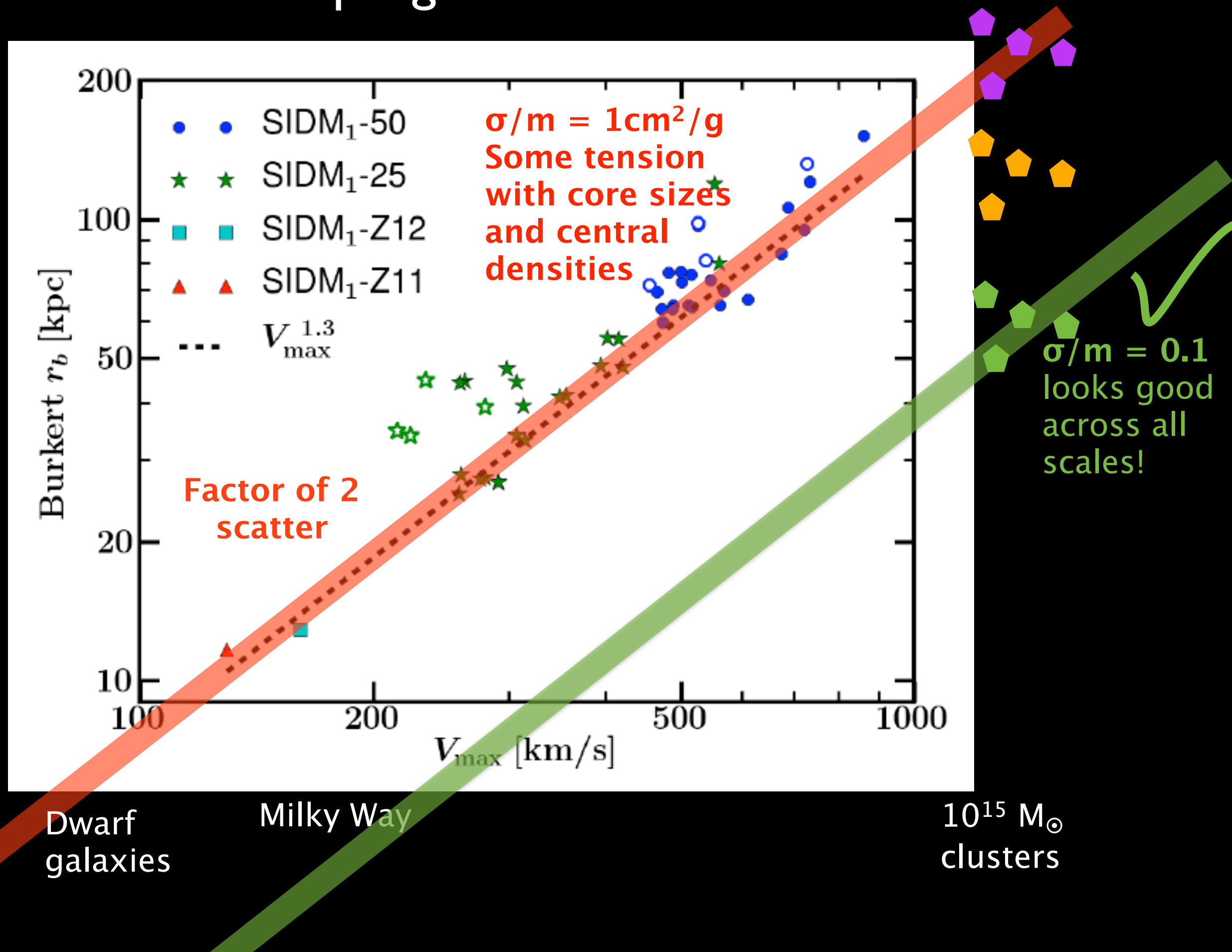
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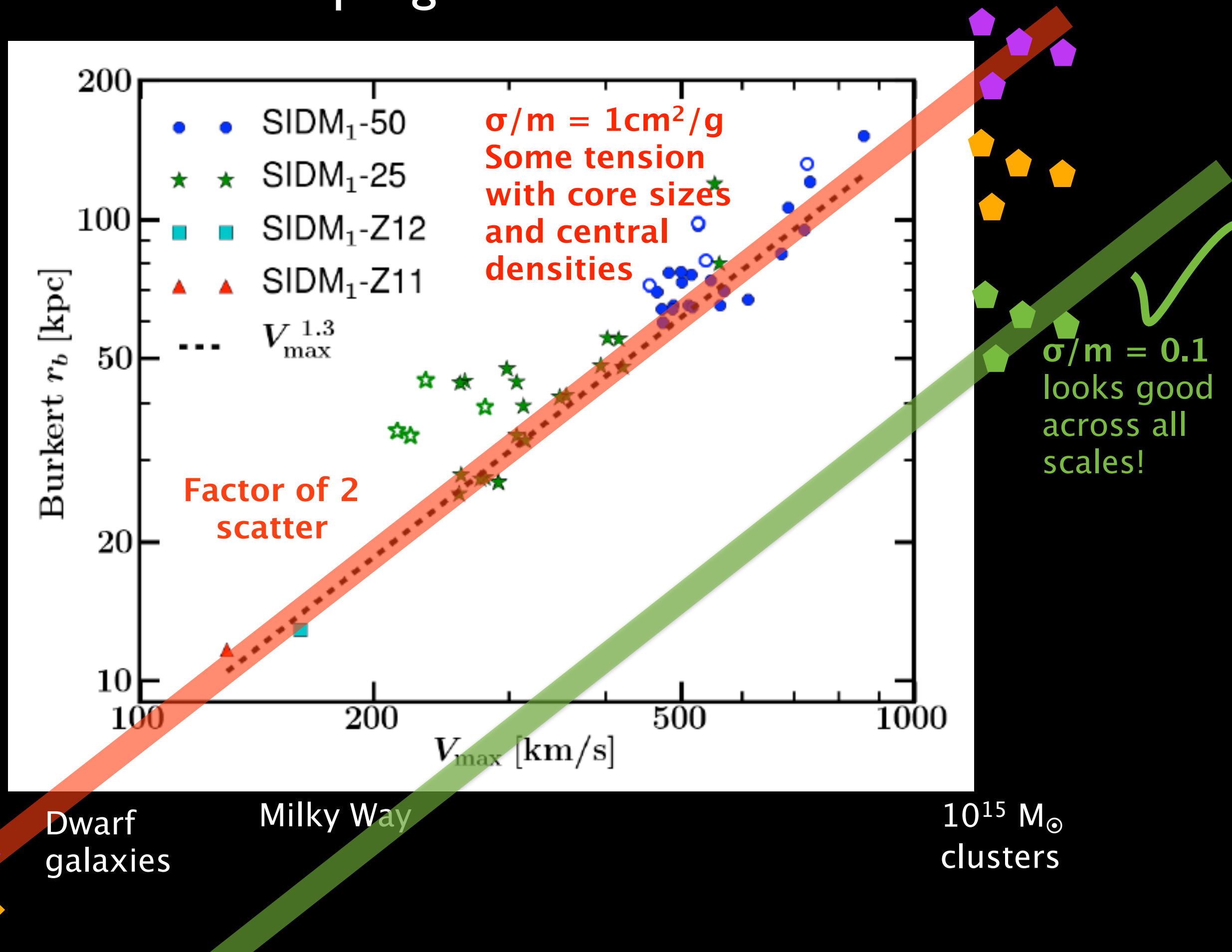
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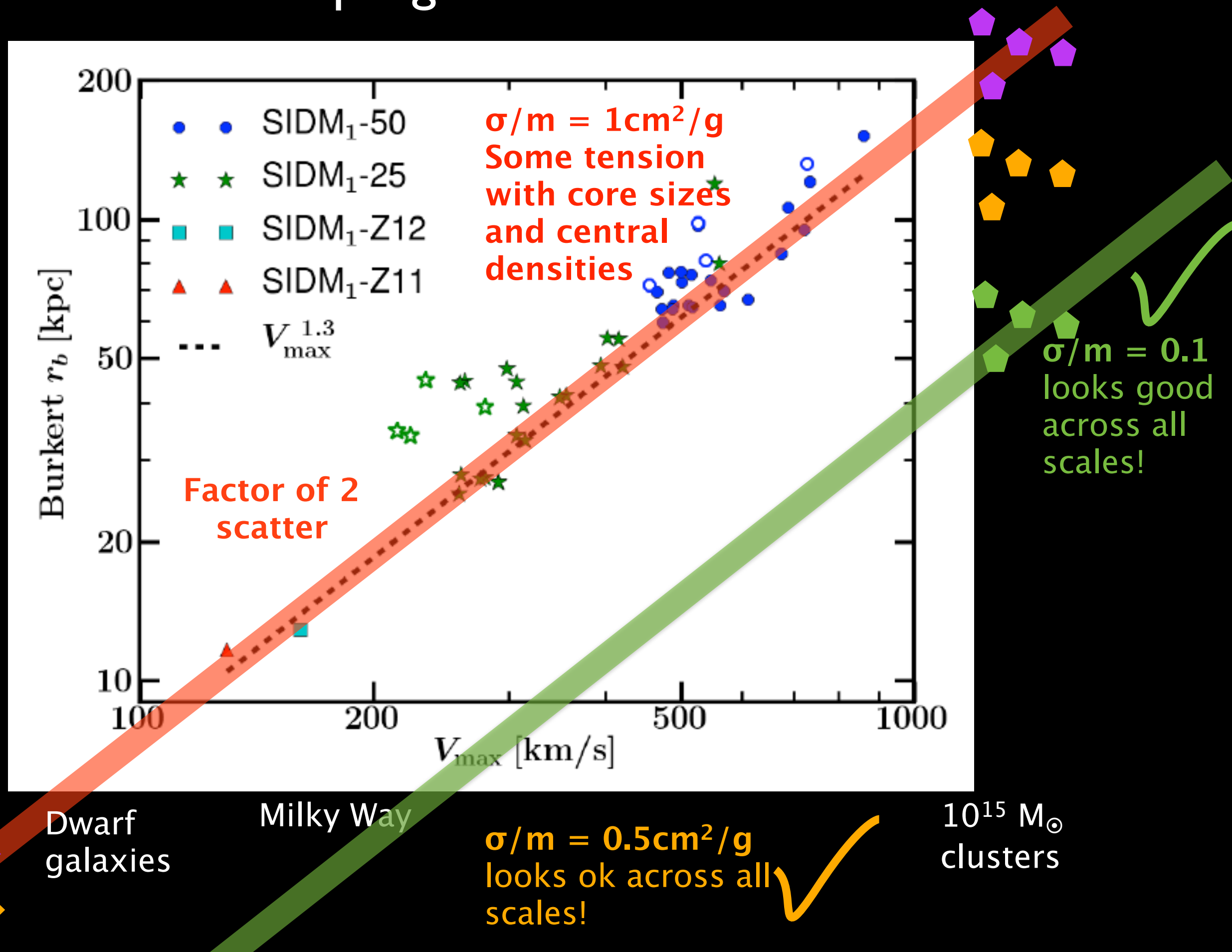
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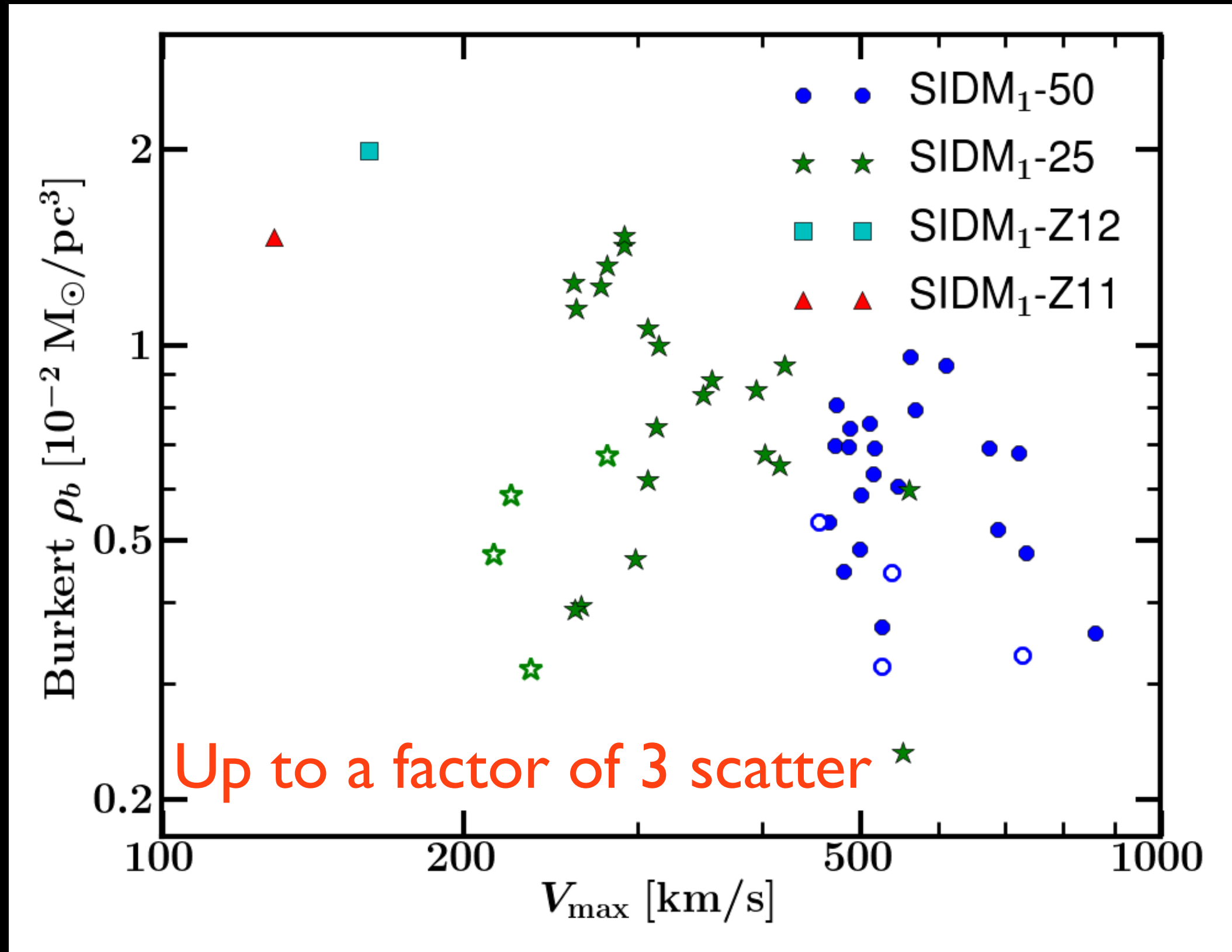
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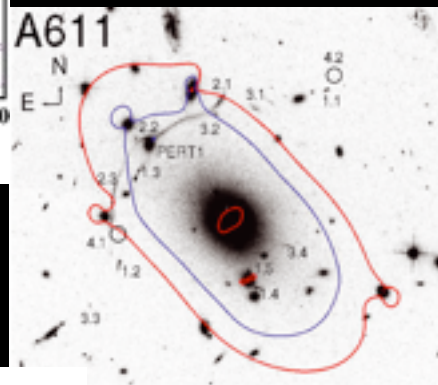
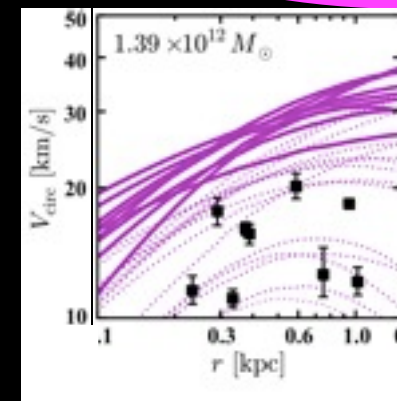
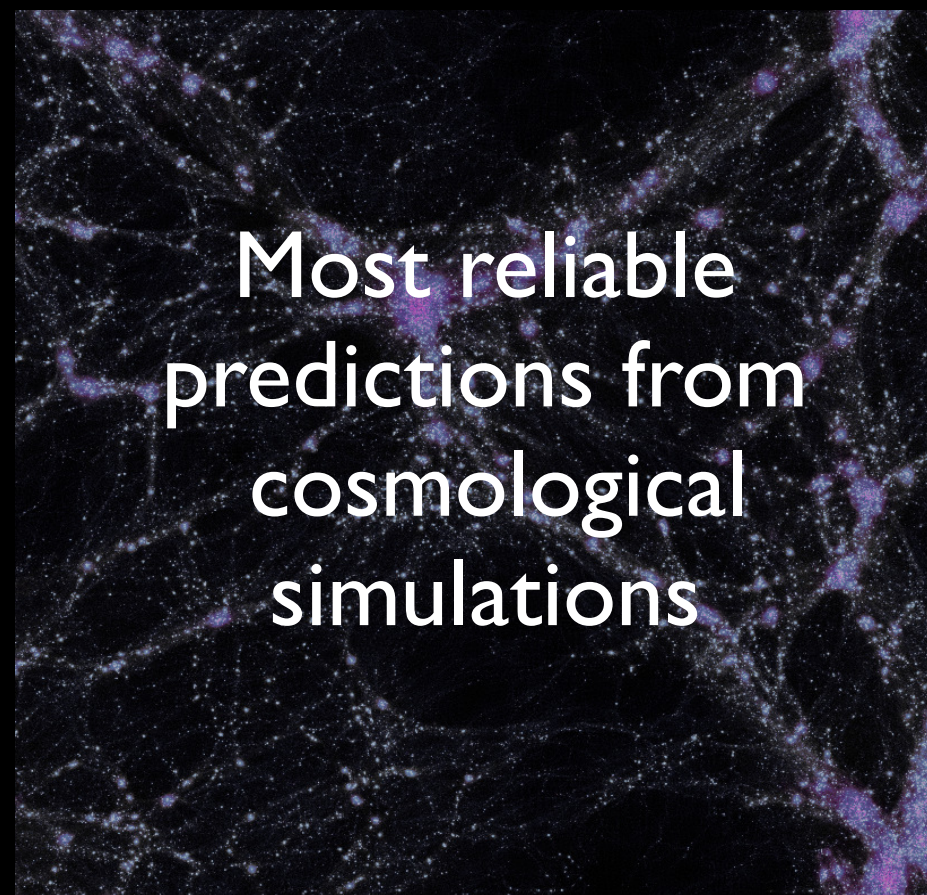
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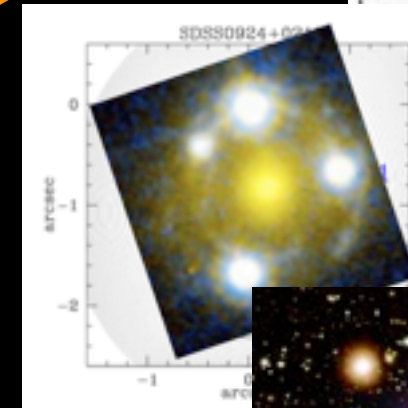
# Astrophysical Constraints



- Core sizes & densities
- Shapes
- Substructure
- Merging clusters: offsets & M/L ratios



$\sigma/m$



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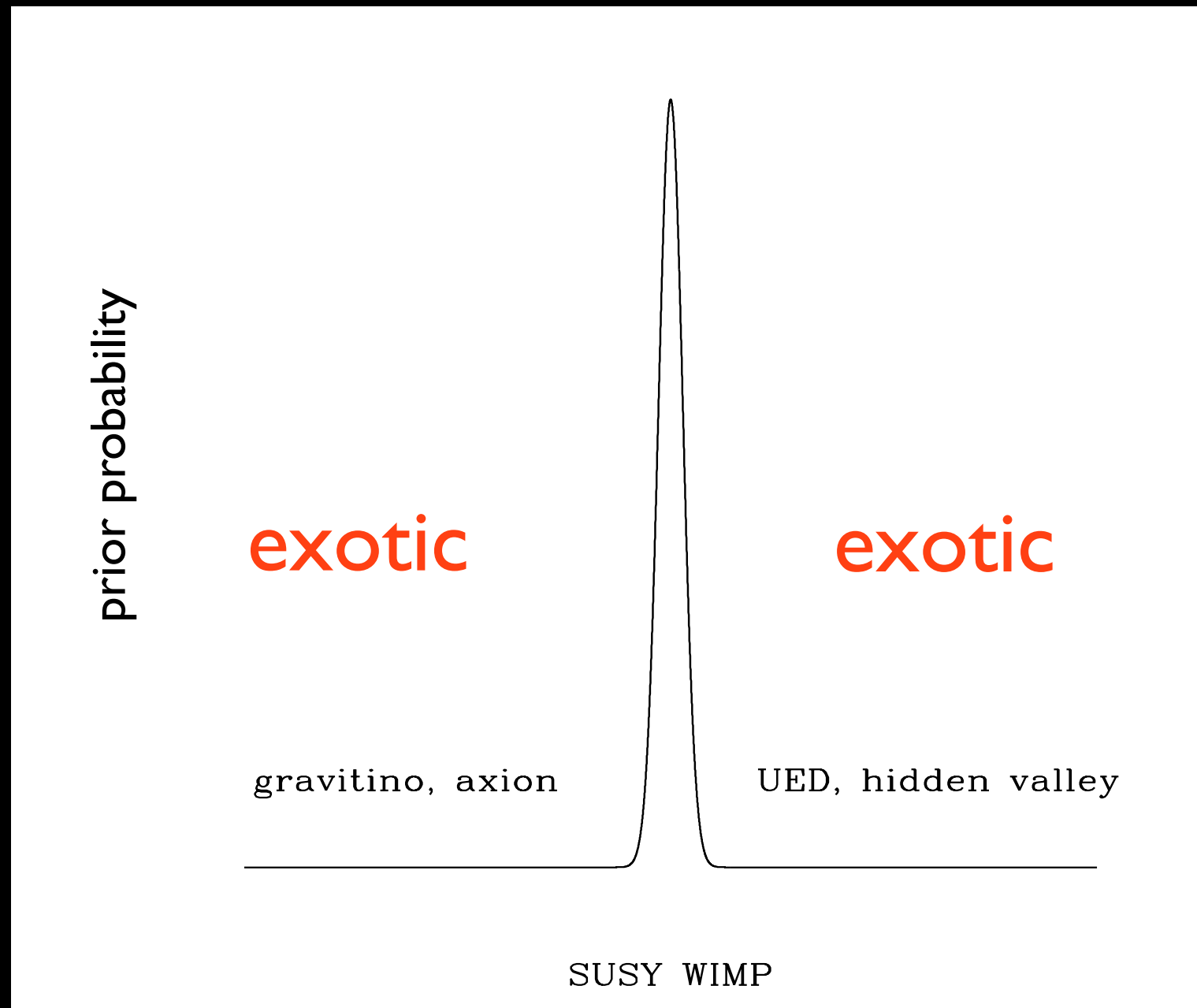
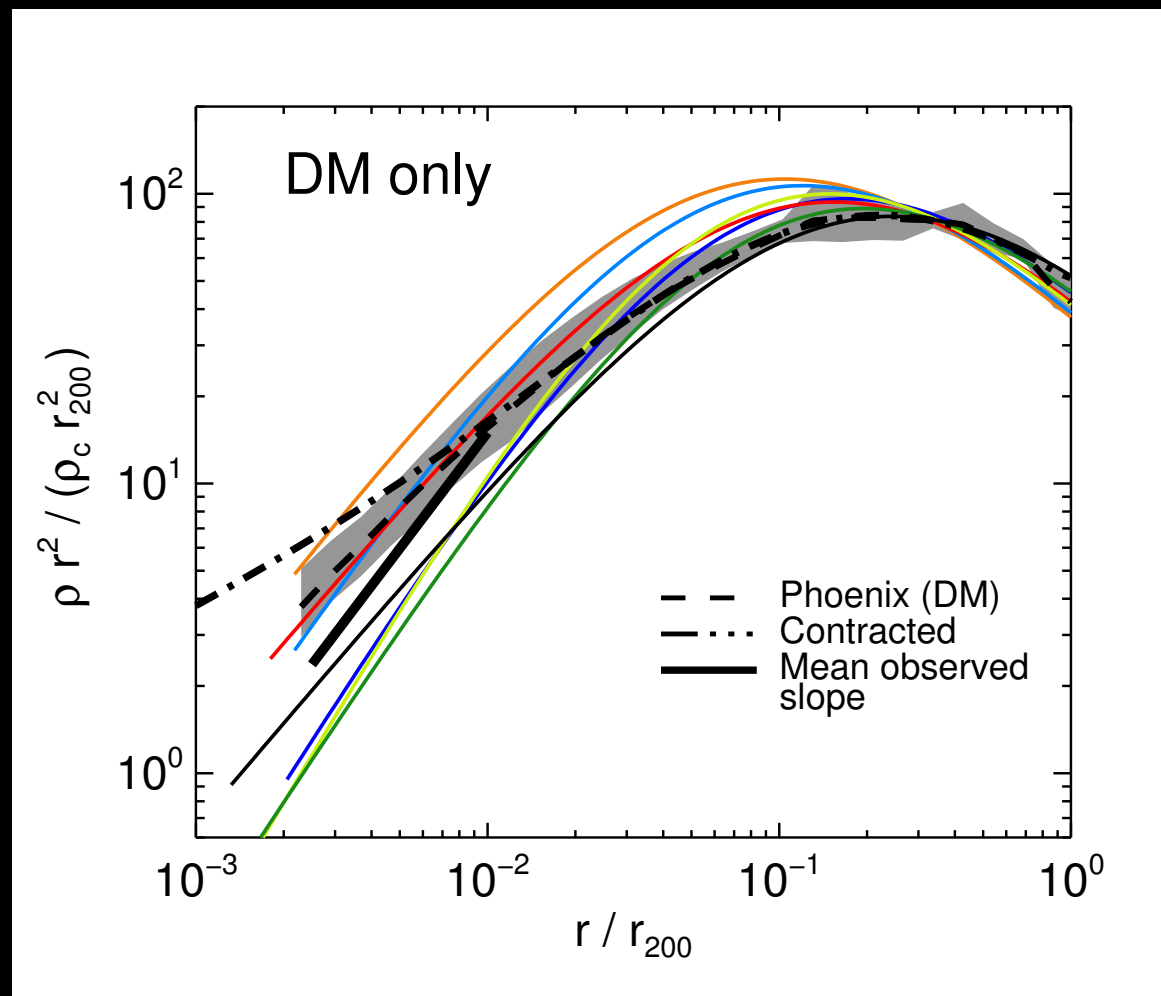


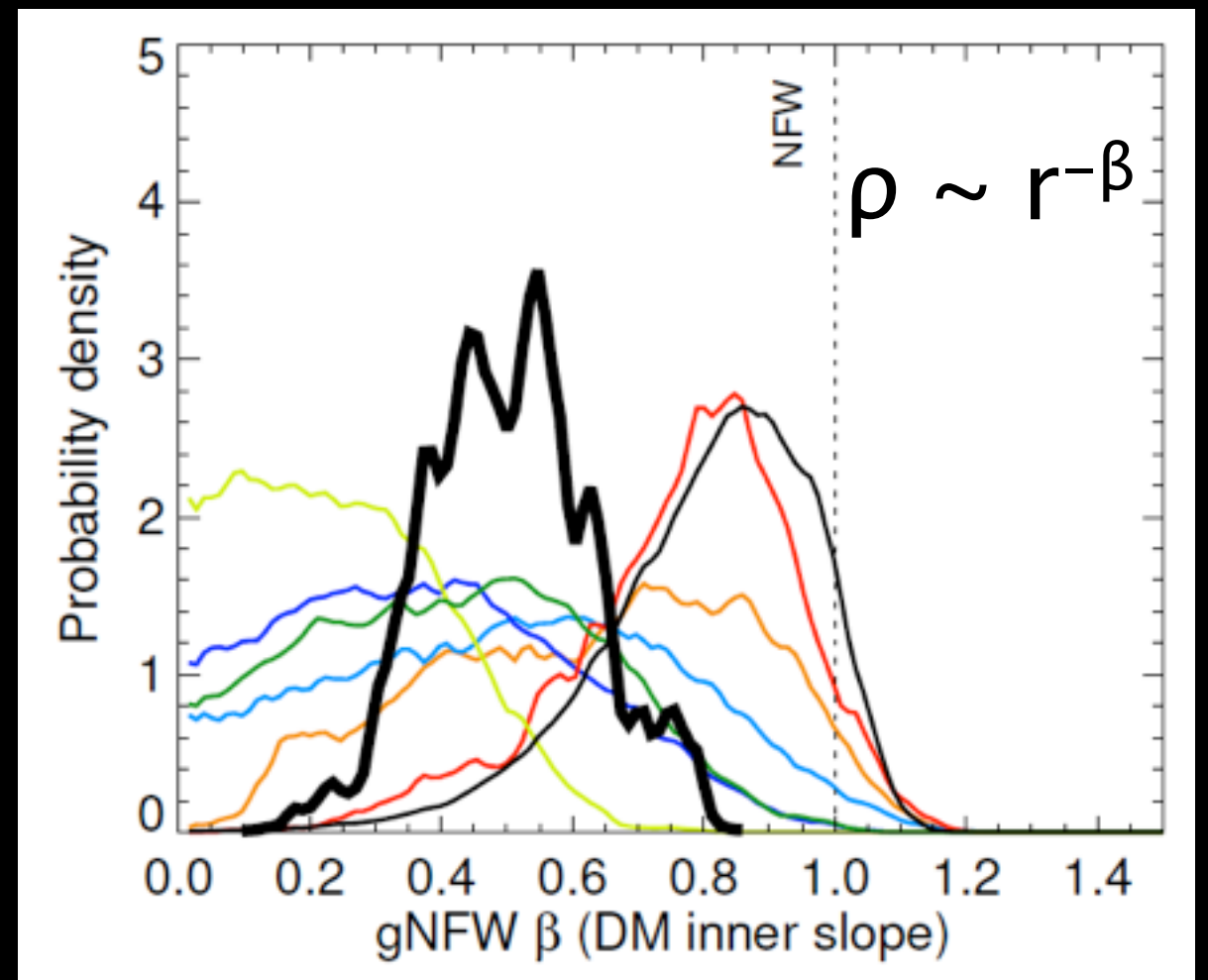
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# Evidence for lower central DM densities than DM only simulations predict across all scales

## Galaxy cluster densities



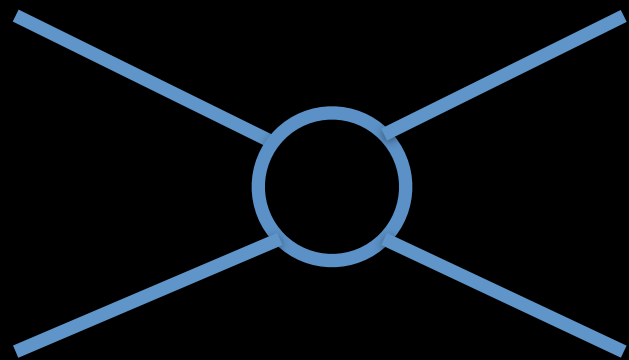
Galaxy Clusters  
( $\sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} M_{\odot}$  halos)



Allow cores of  $\sim 30$  kpc

(Newman+ 2012a,b)

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Spergerl & Steinhardt 2000

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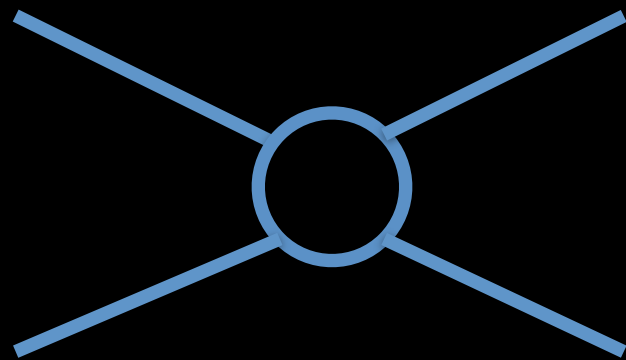
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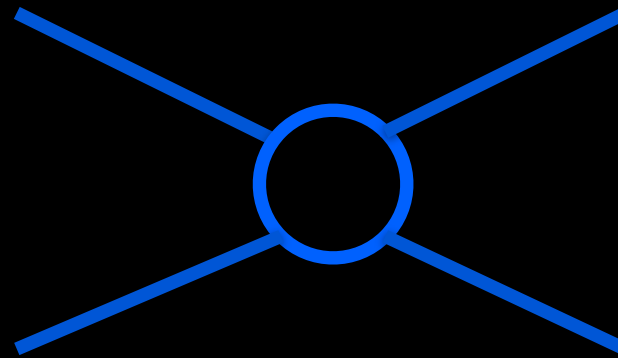
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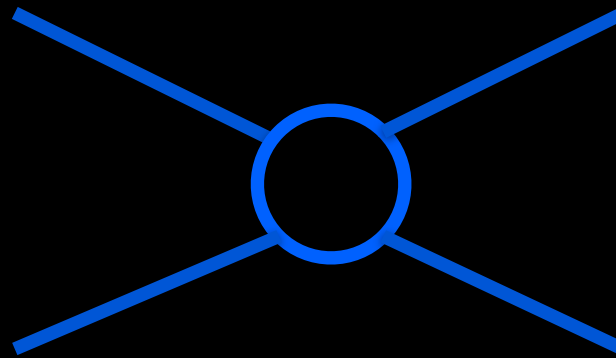
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Need to step back and derive an algorithm  
from the Boltzmann Equation

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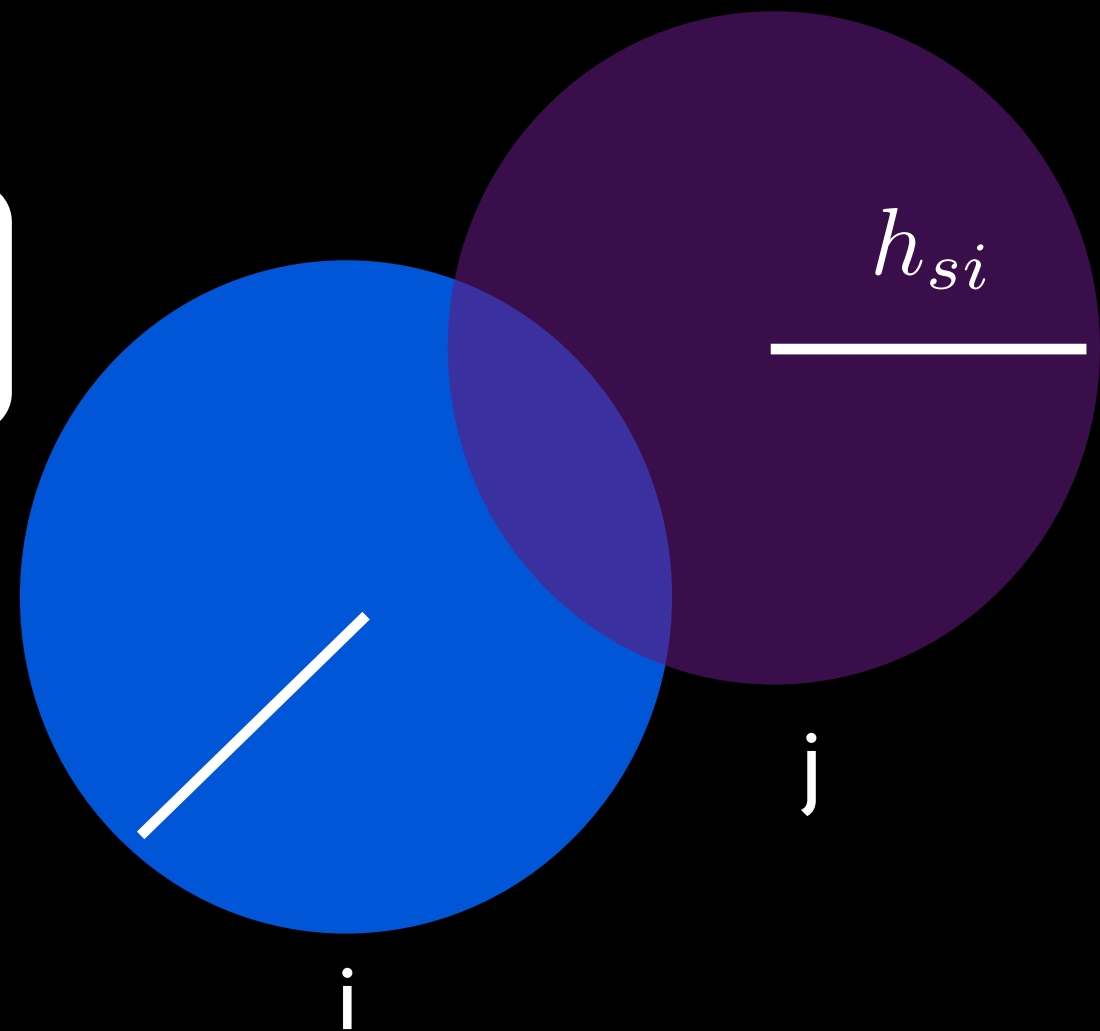
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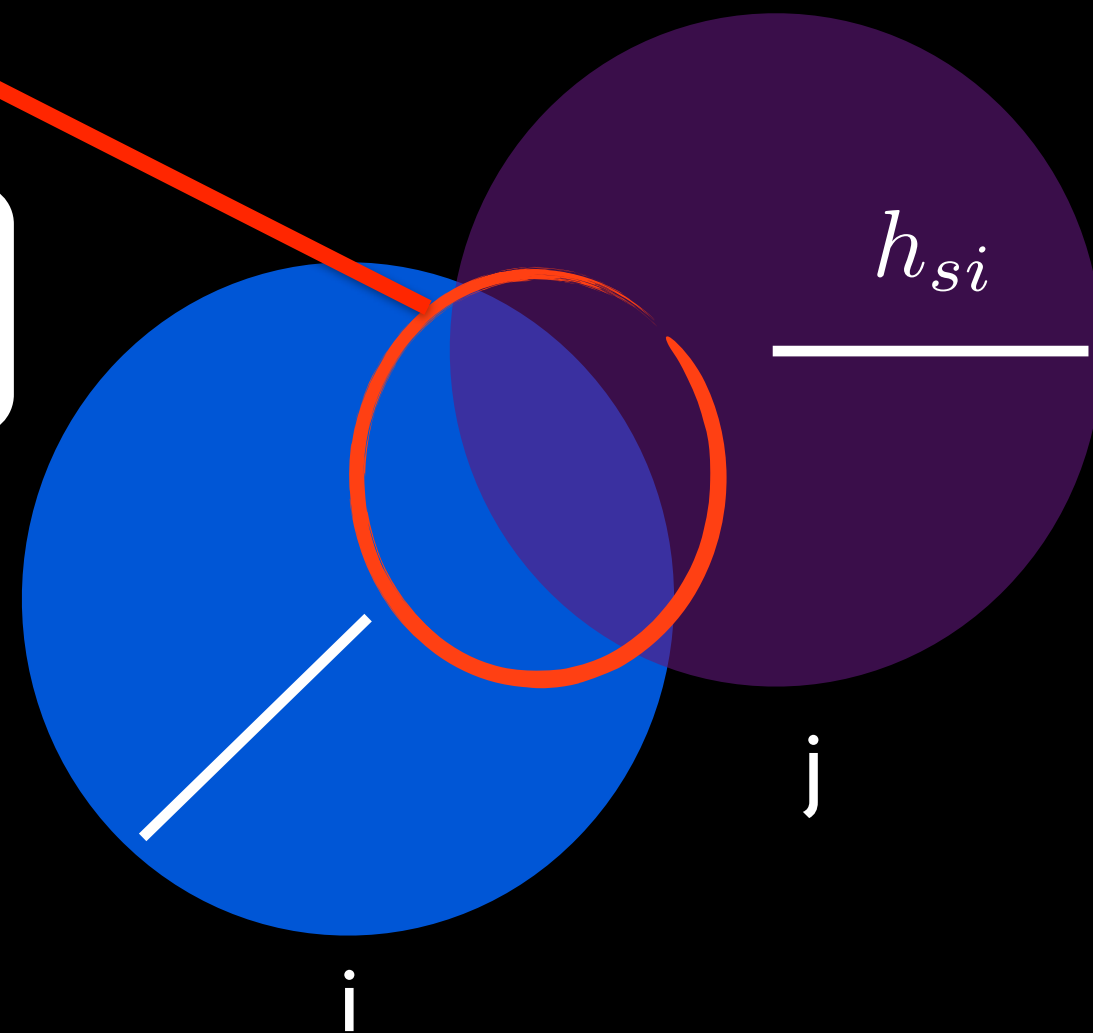
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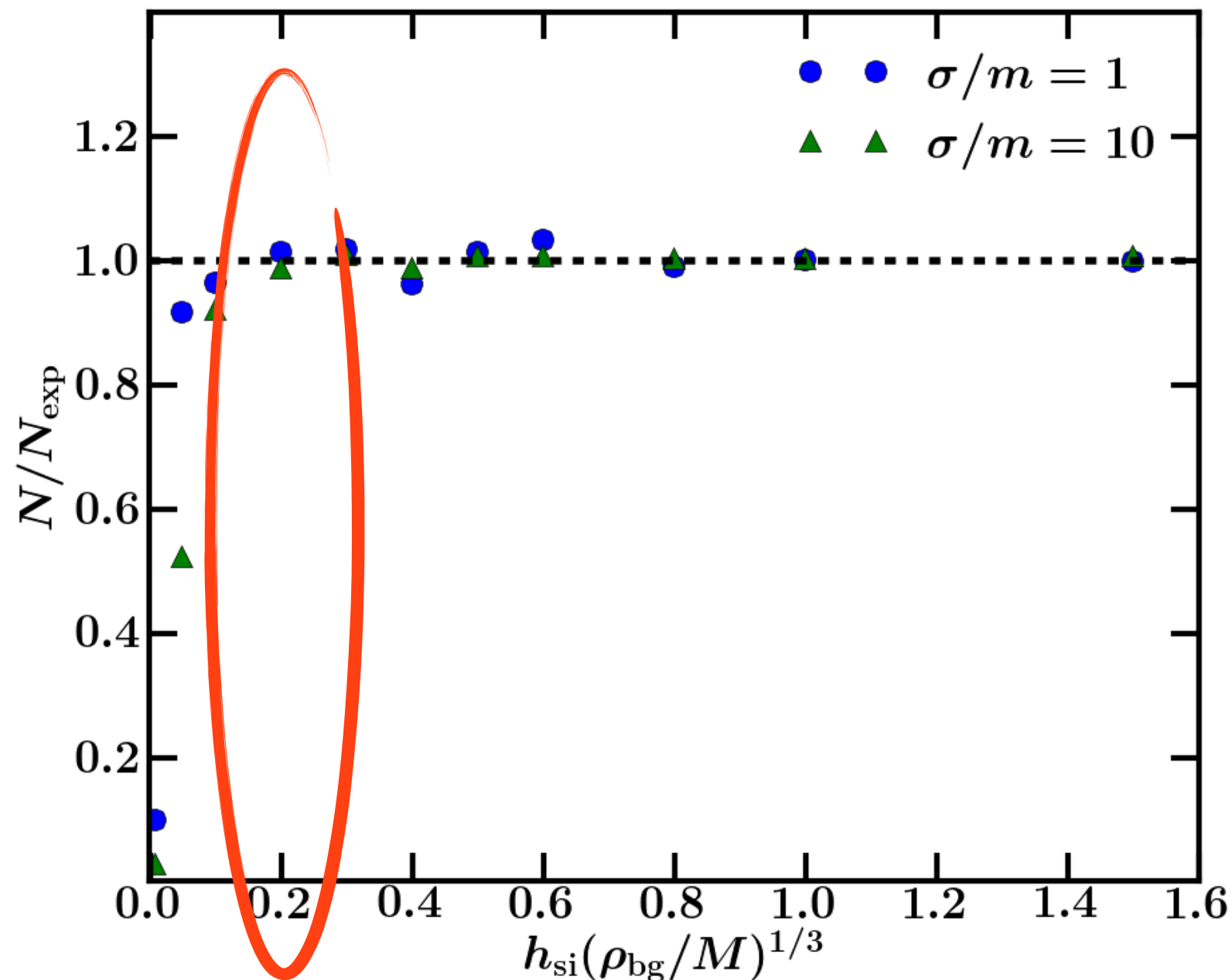
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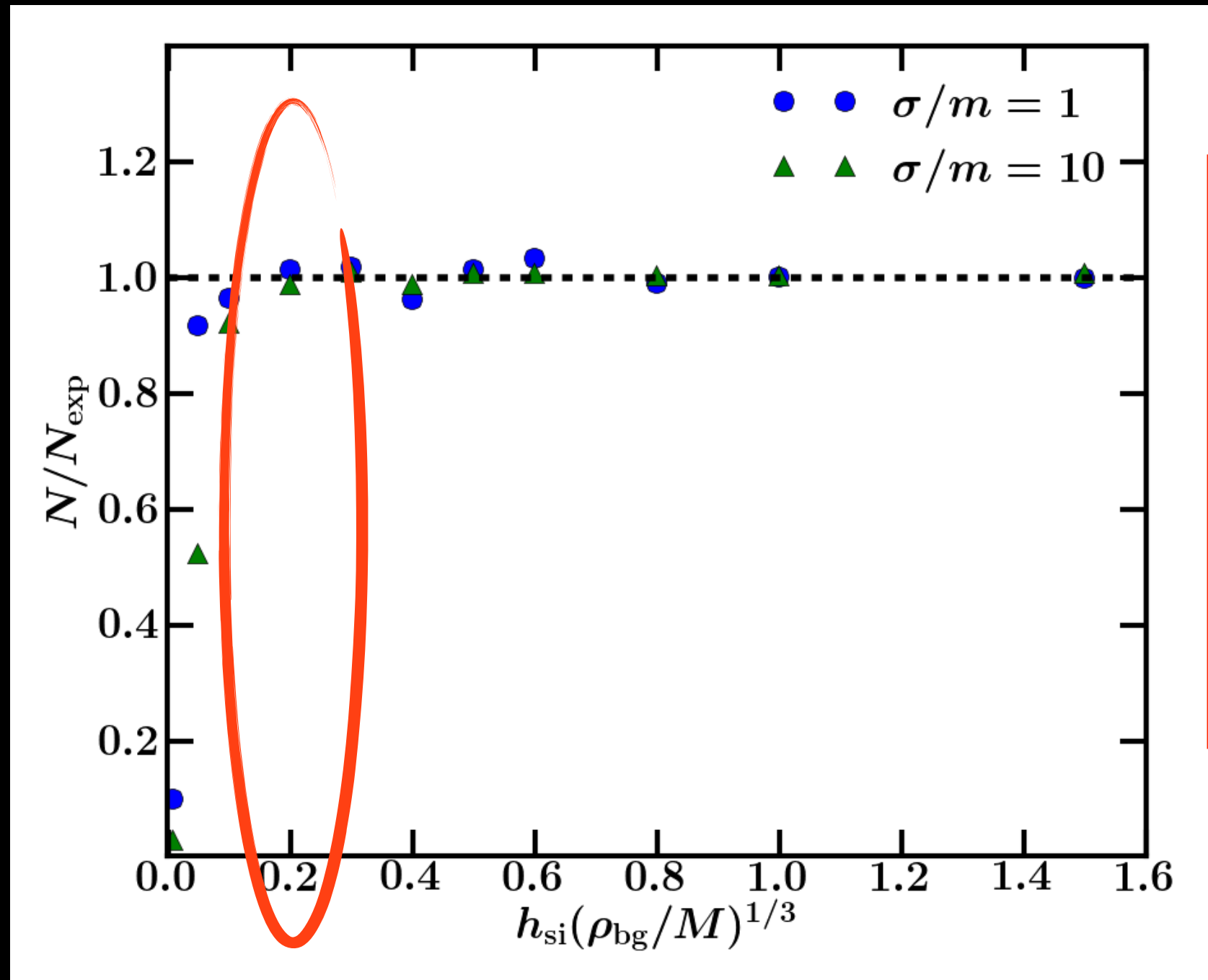


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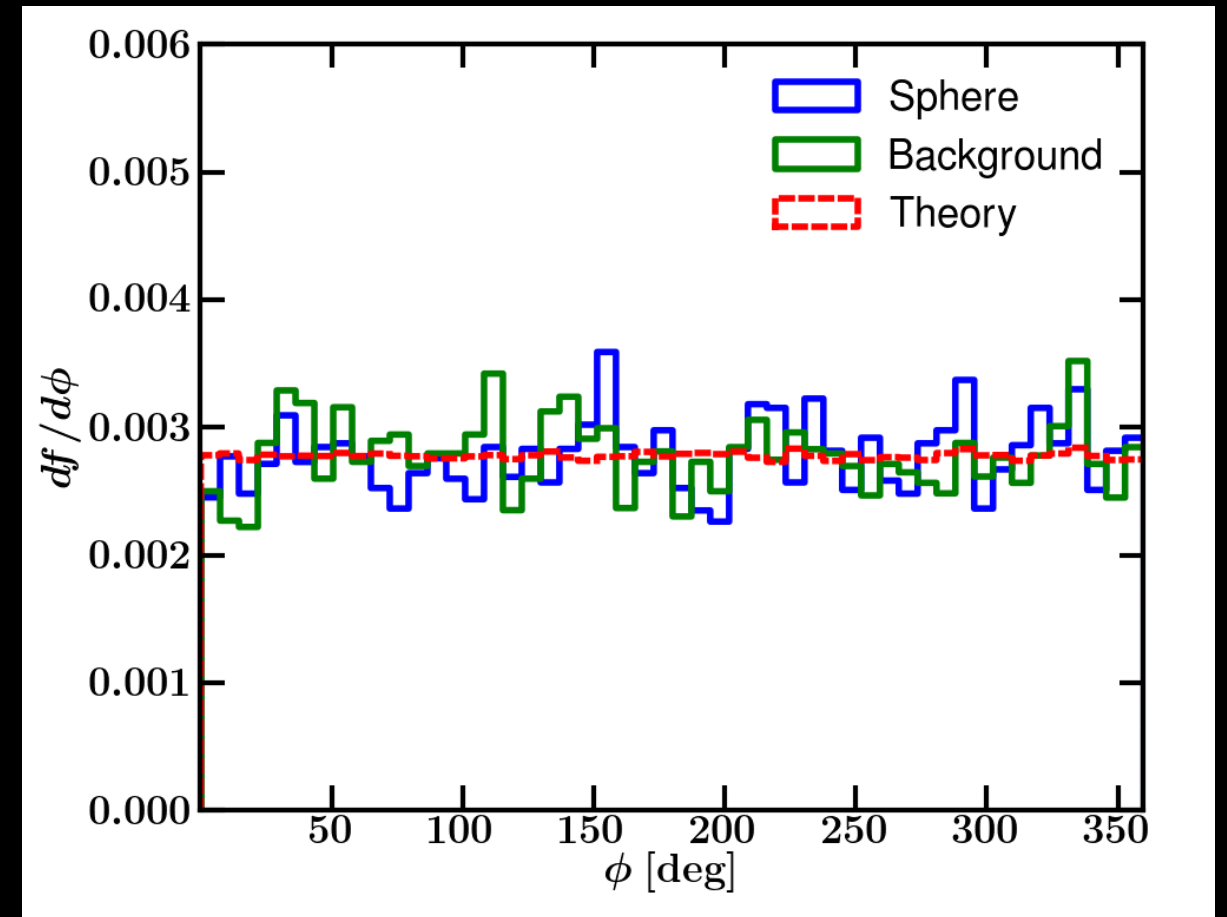
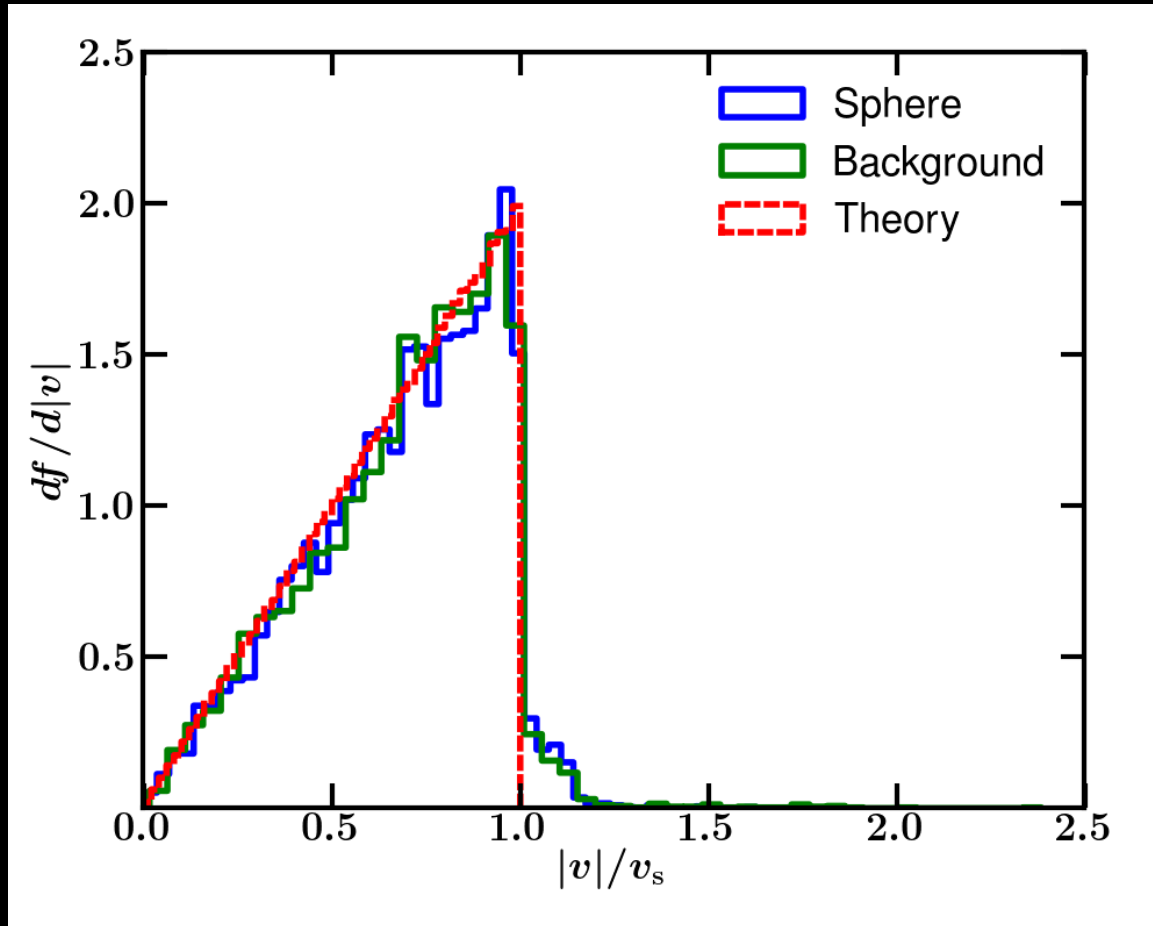
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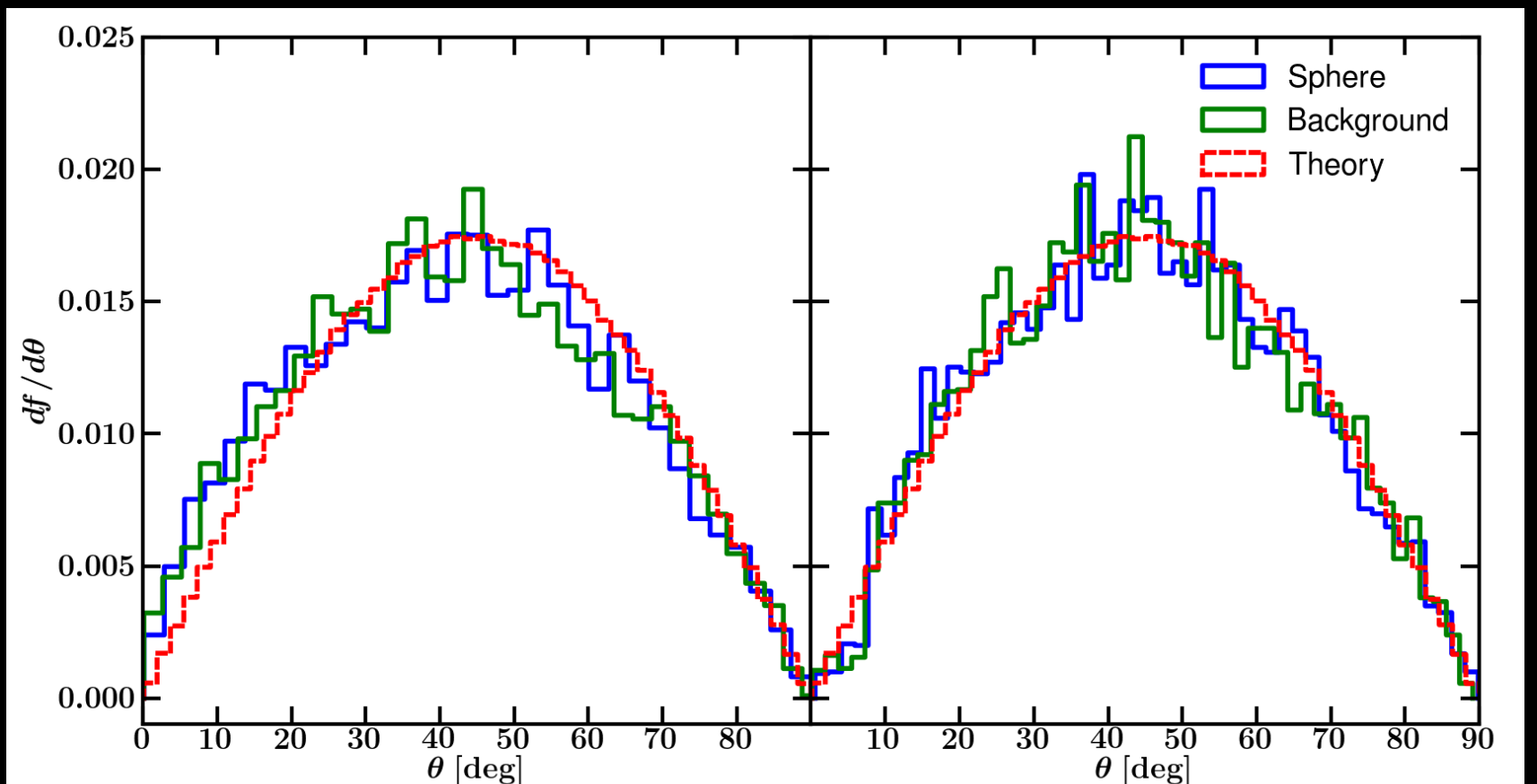
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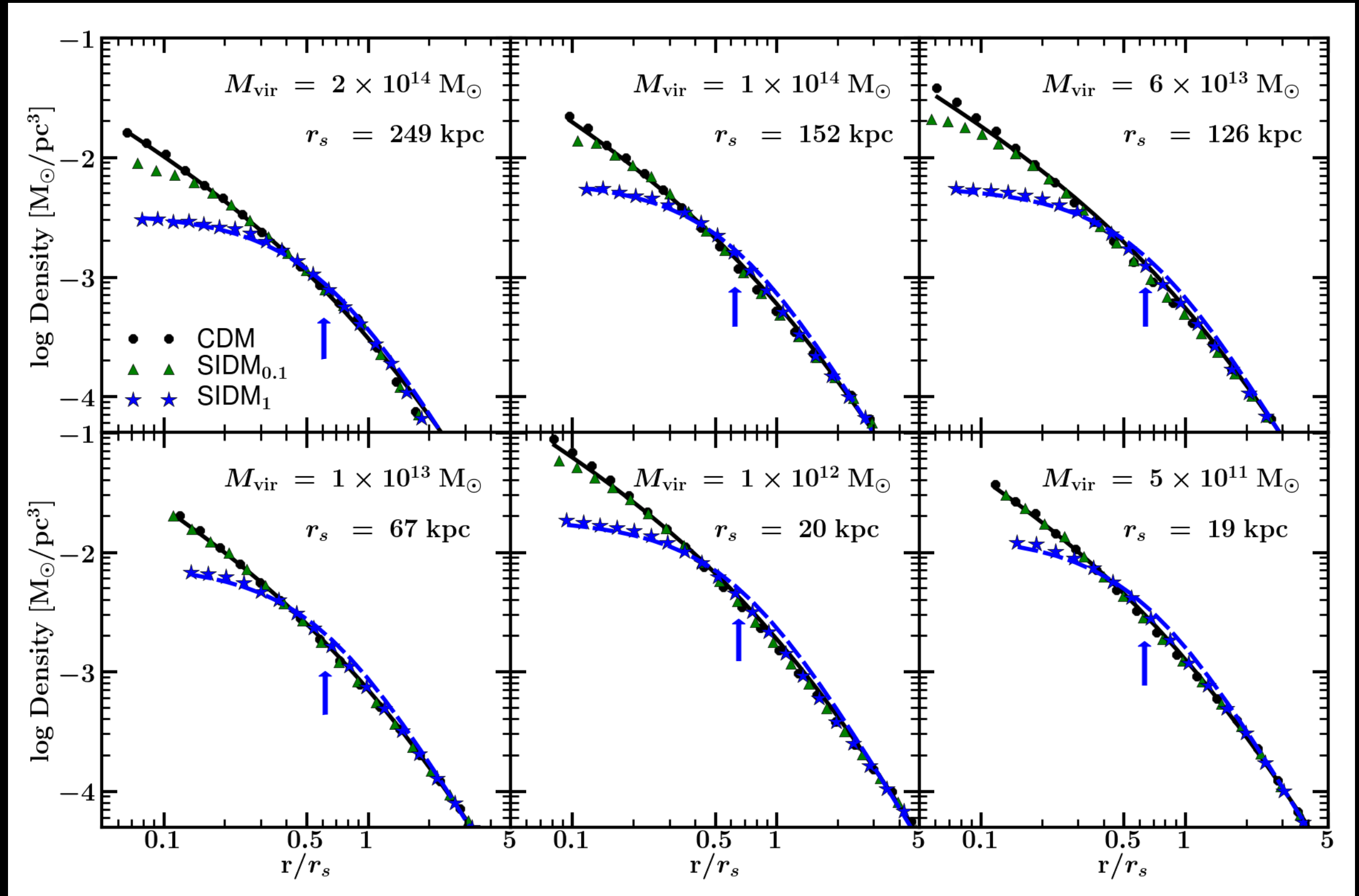


✓  
**Correct  
post-scatter  
kinematics**



# Results from cosmological simulations - Halo densities

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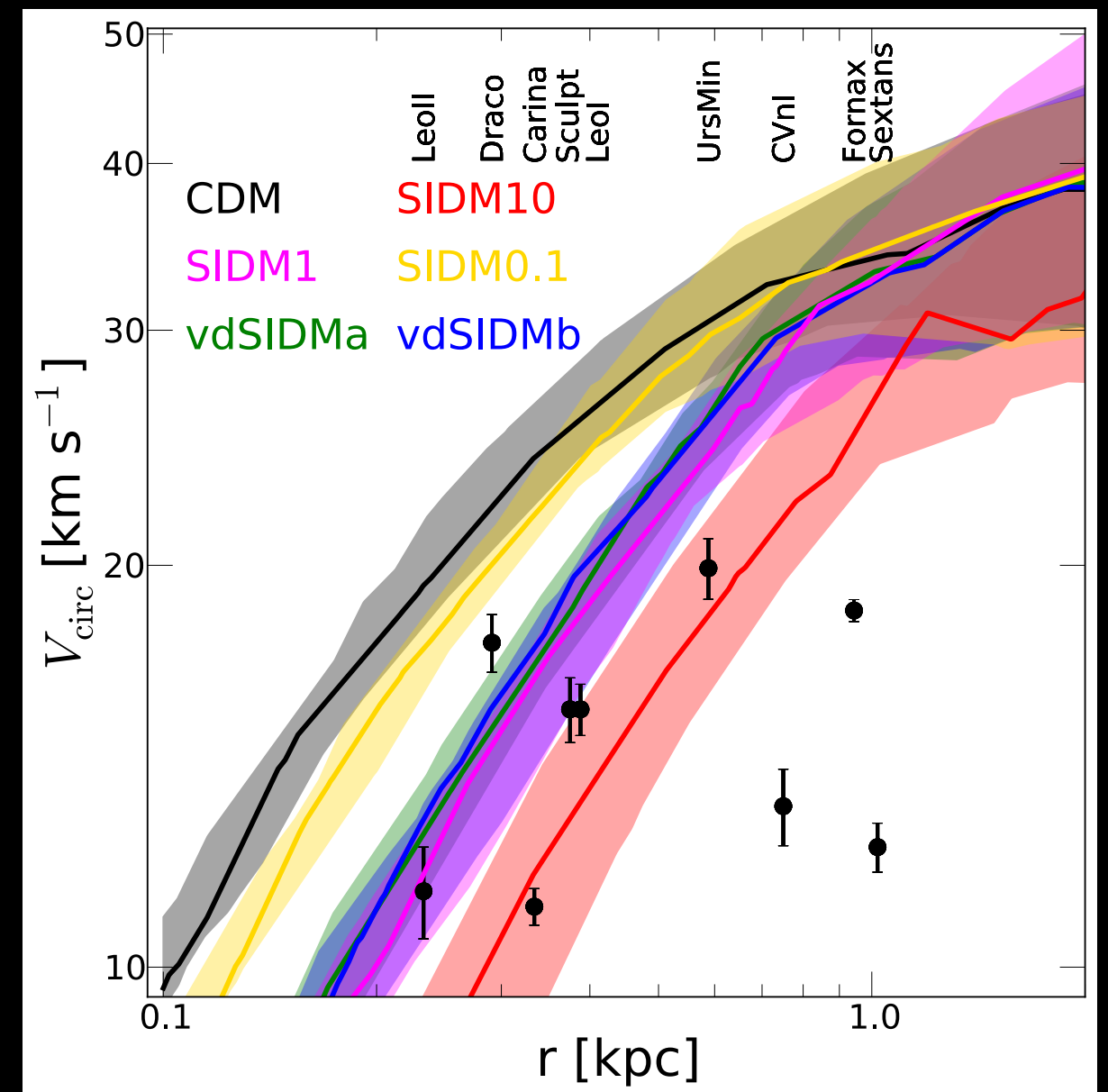
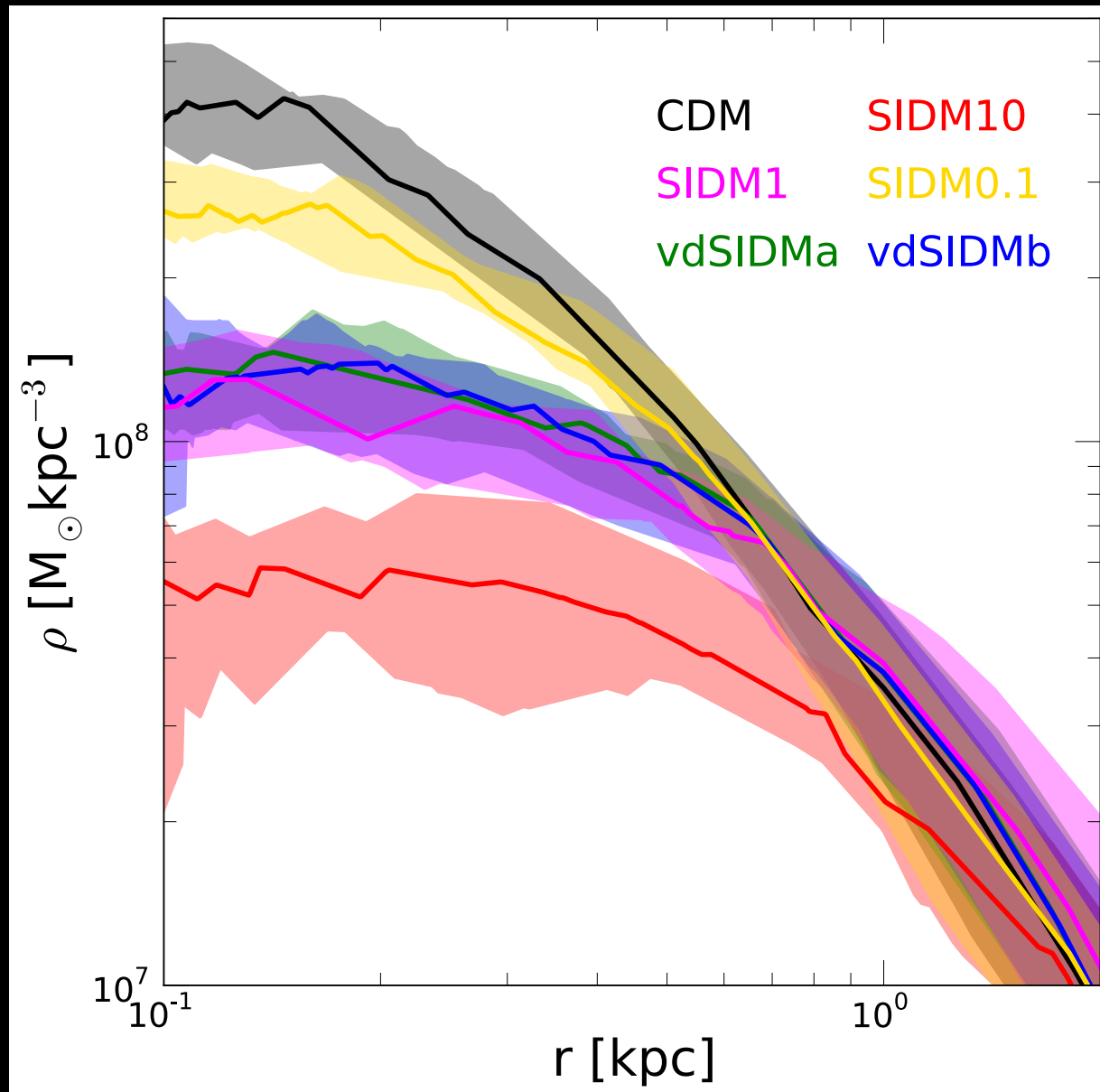
Radius/ $r_s$

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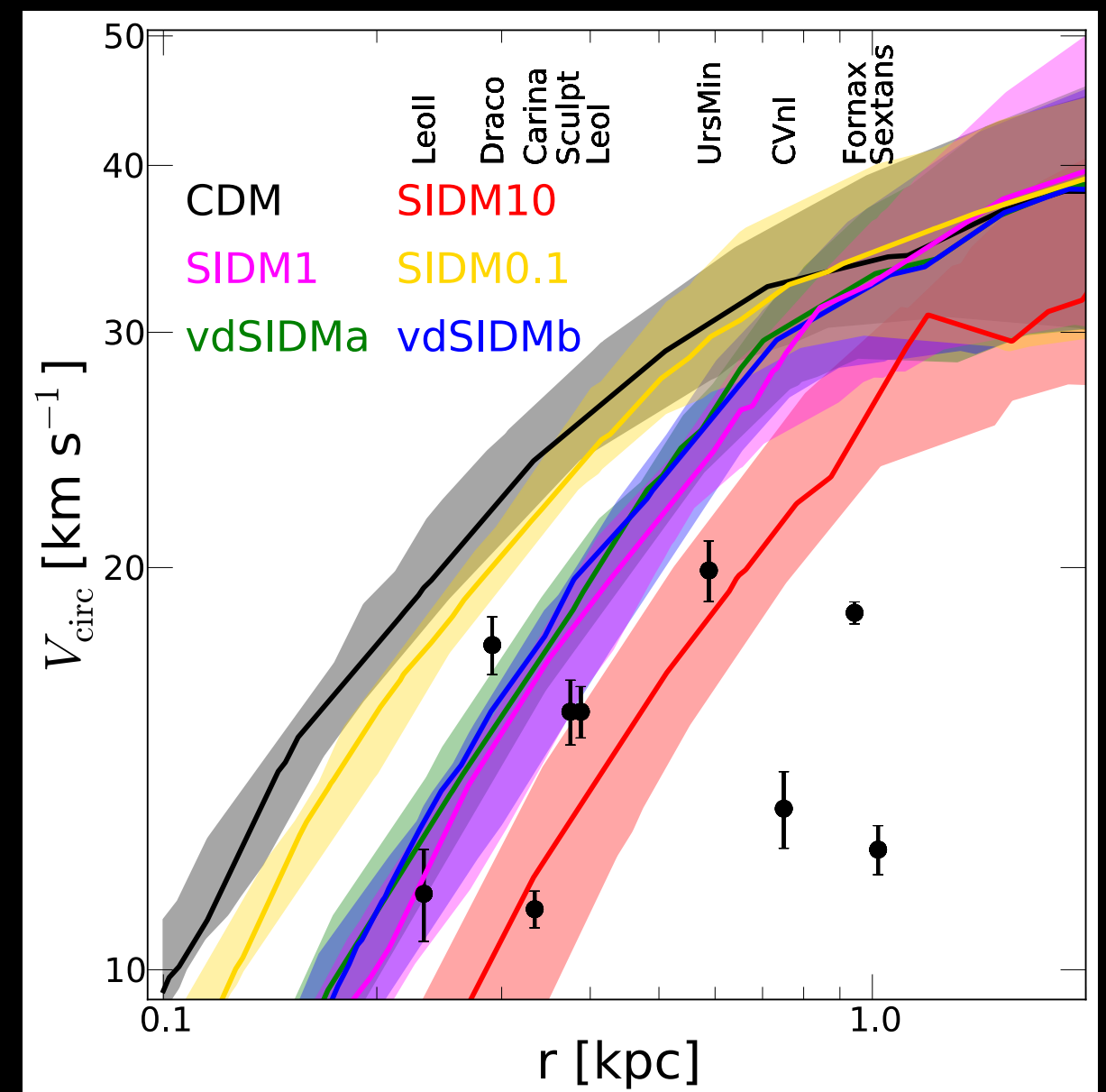
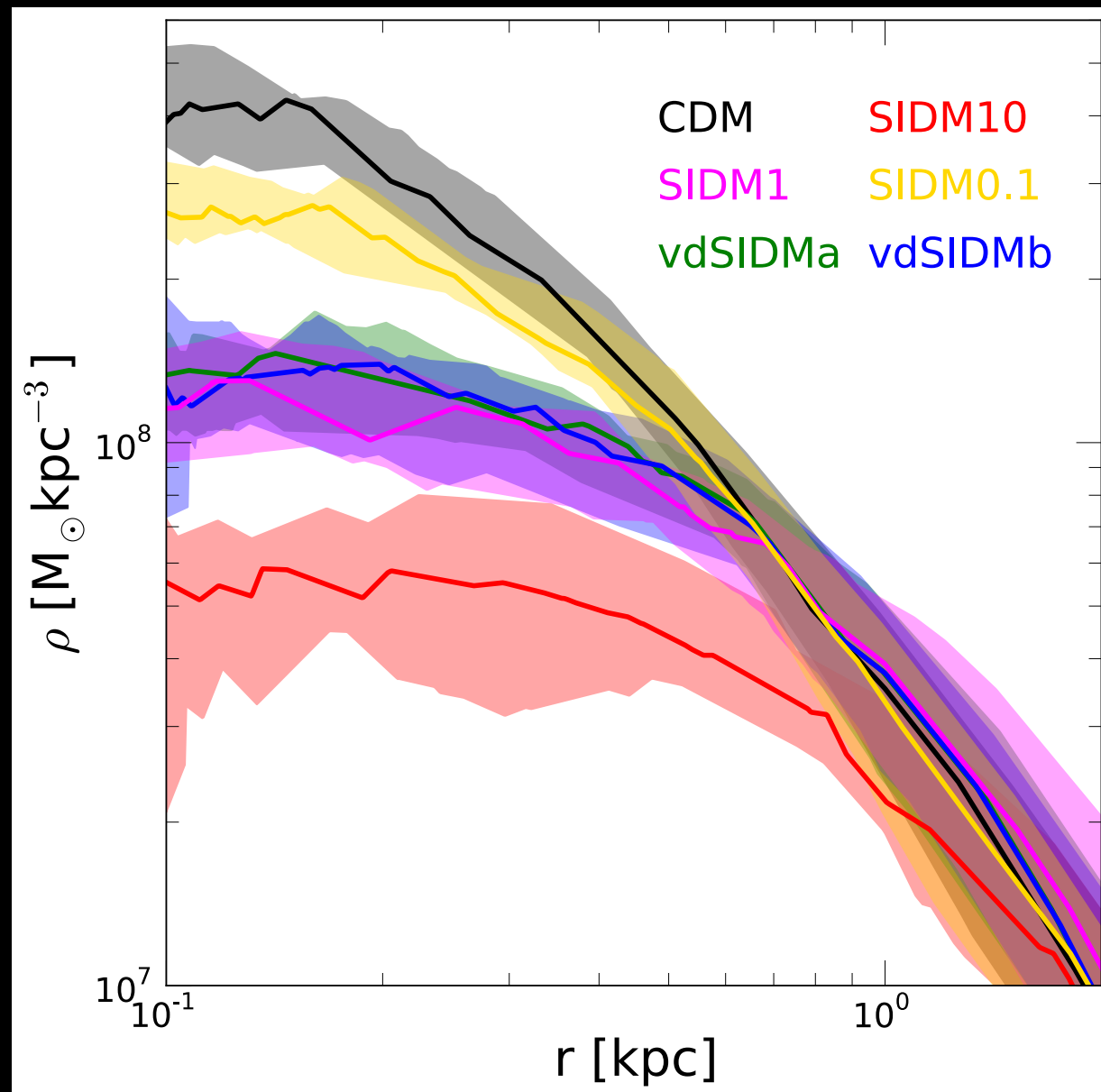


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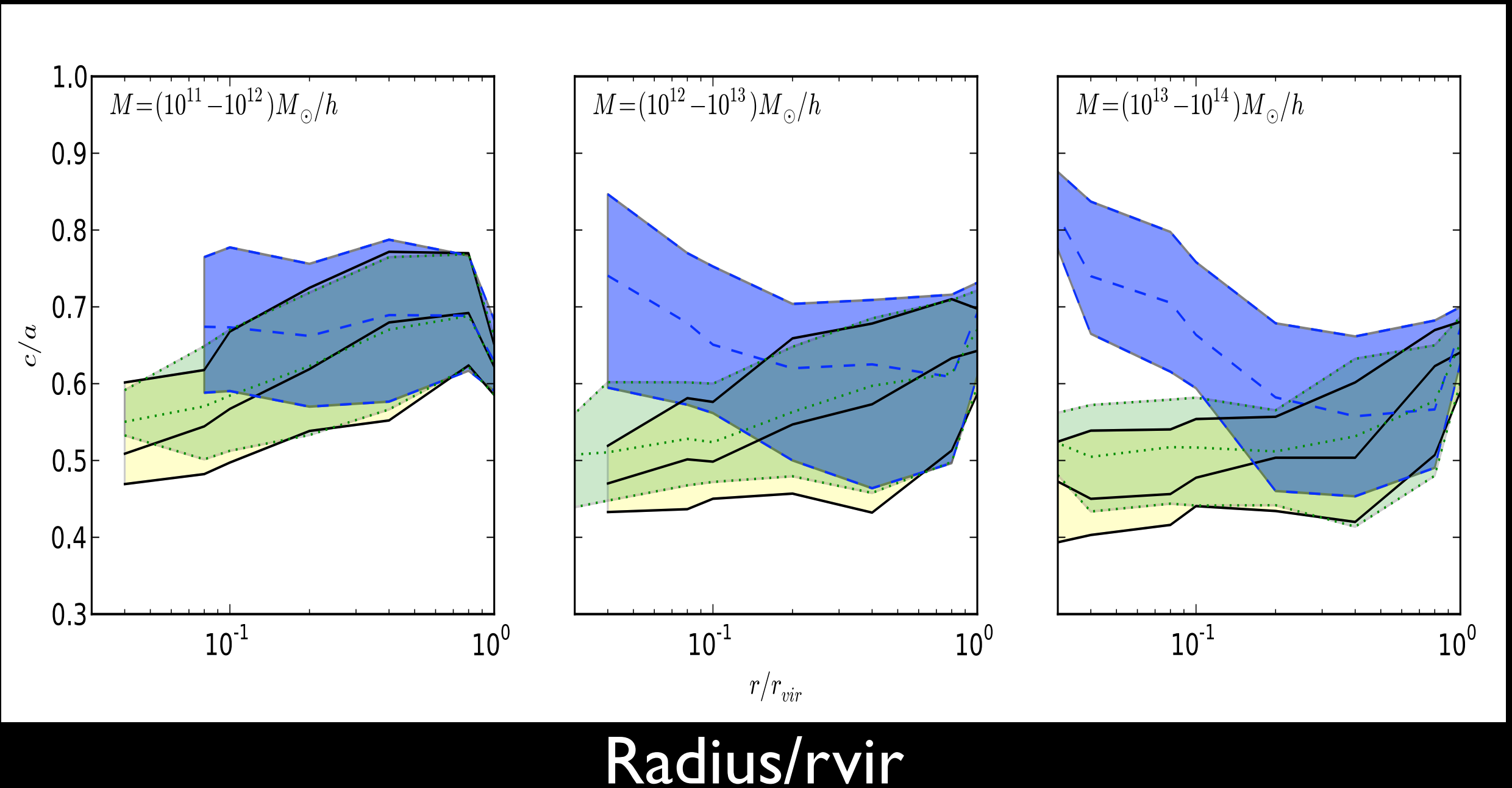


$\sigma/m \sim 0.6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  seems to work!!

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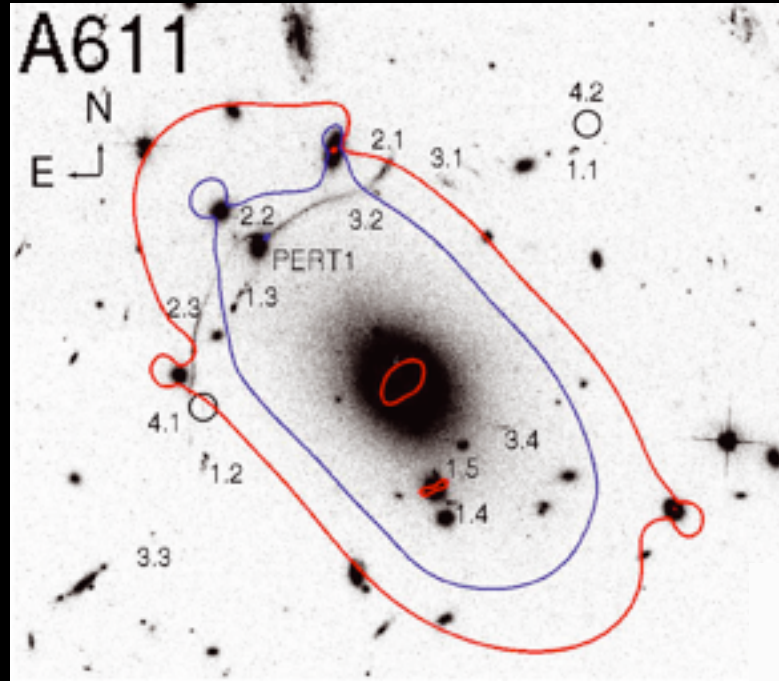
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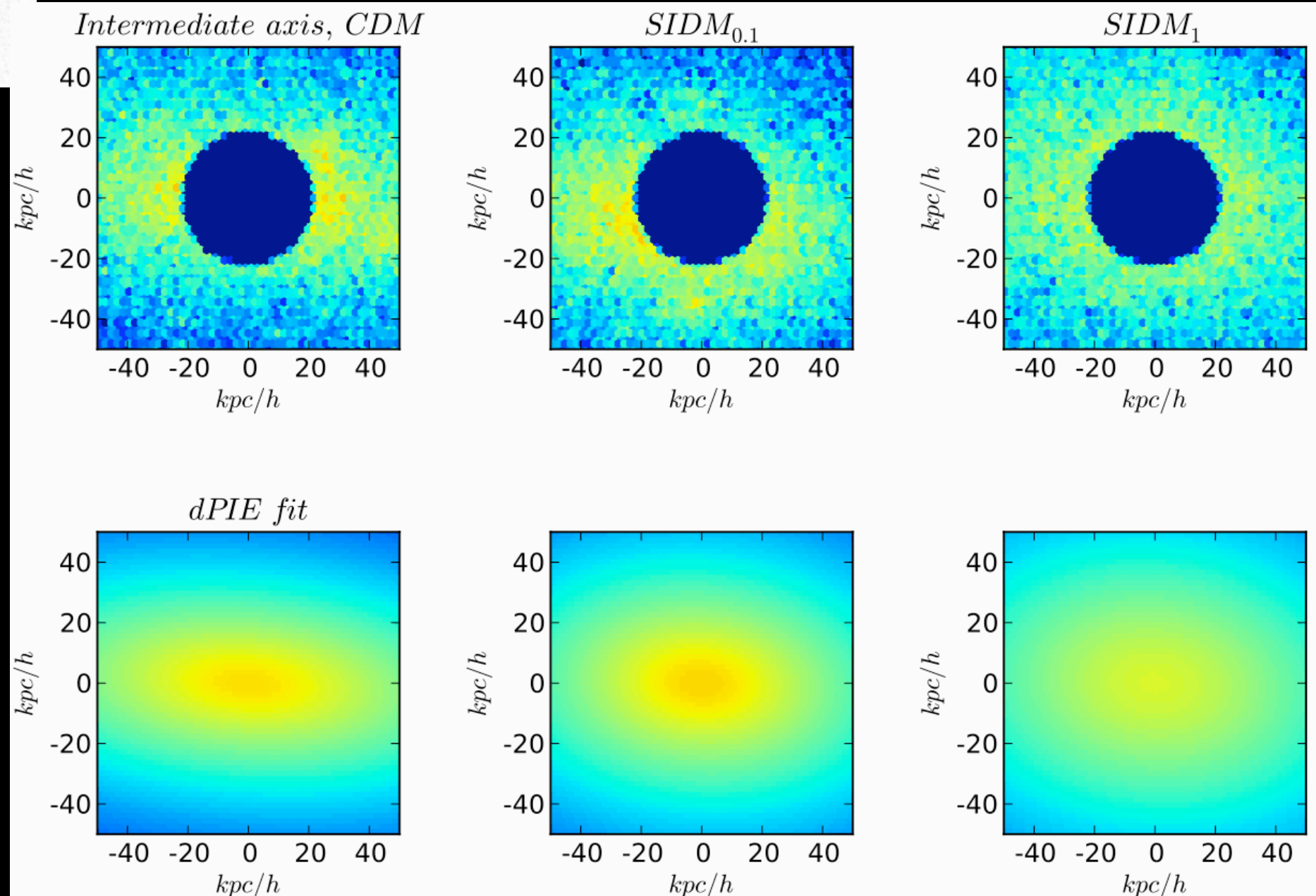
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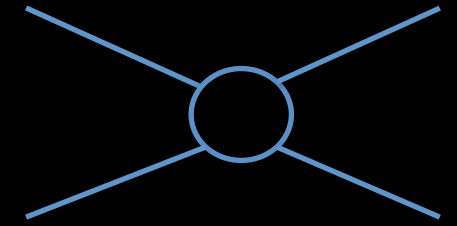
From LoCuSS sample  
Richard+ 2010

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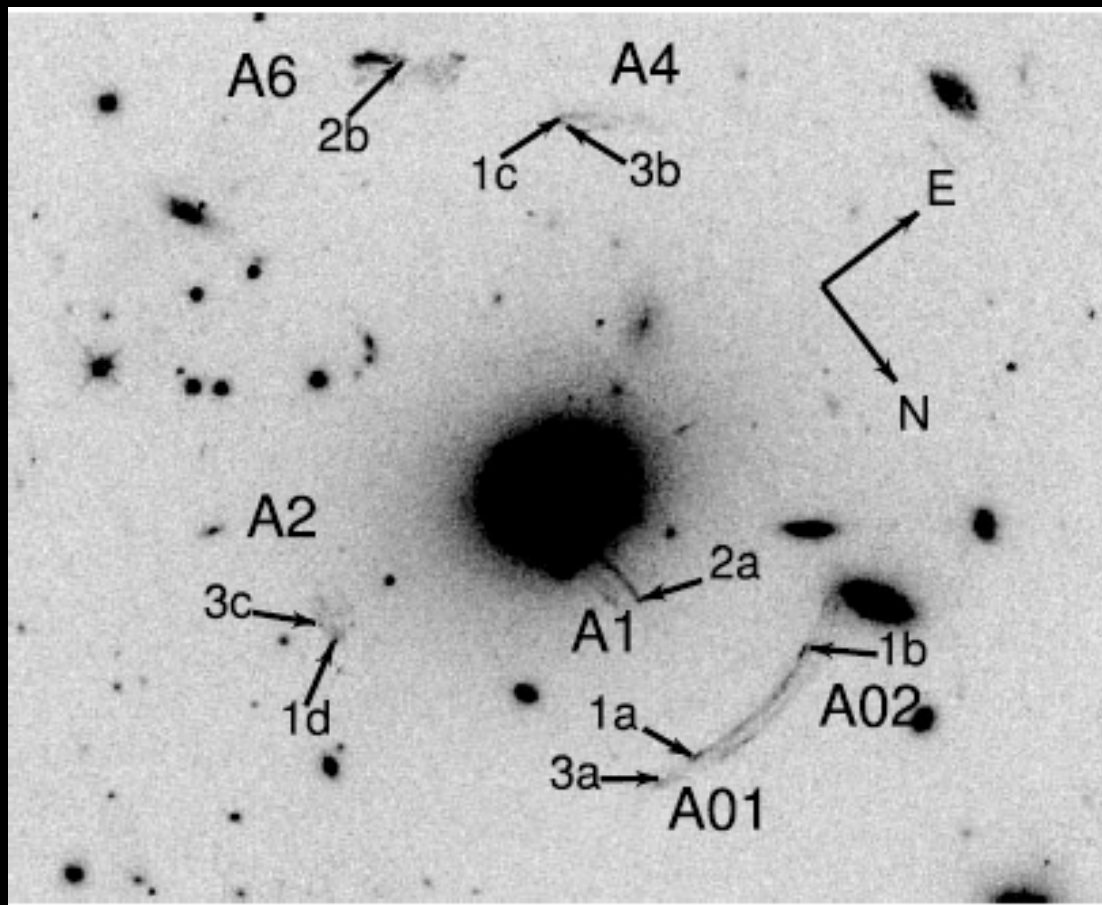


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# The TKO of SIDM



Miralda-Escude (2002)



Requires a non-circularly-symmetric surface density at  $r > 70$  kpc.

Assume  $\varepsilon=0$  if  $\Gamma/H_0 \gtrsim 1$

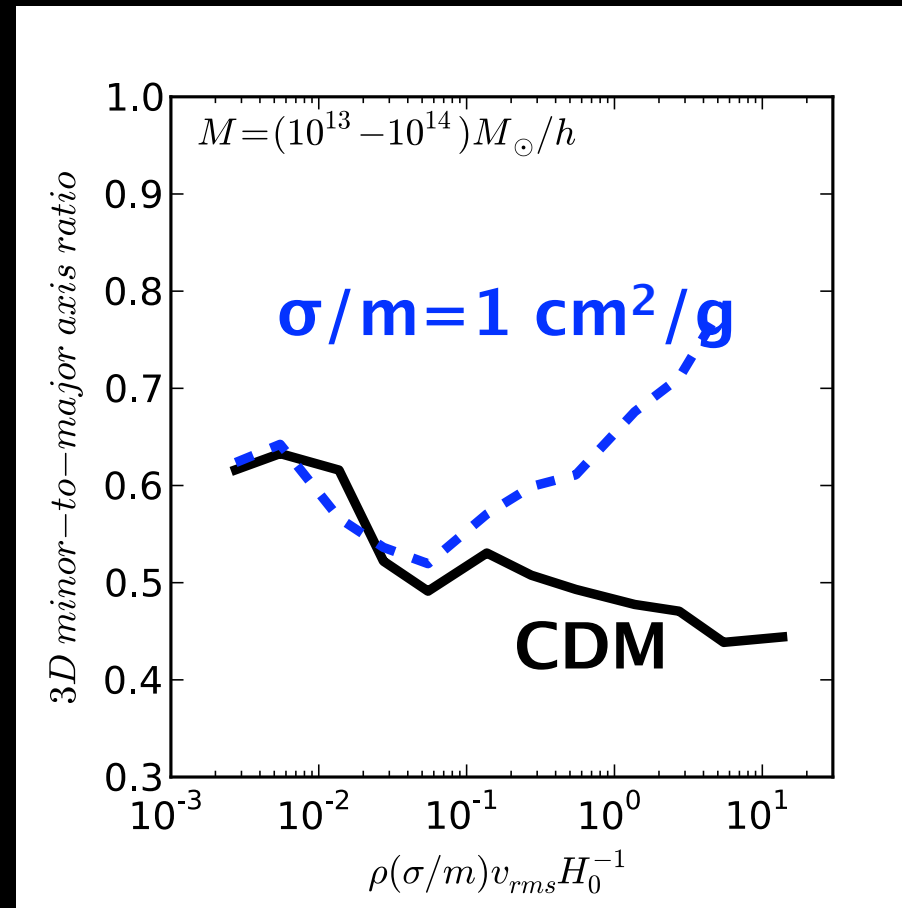
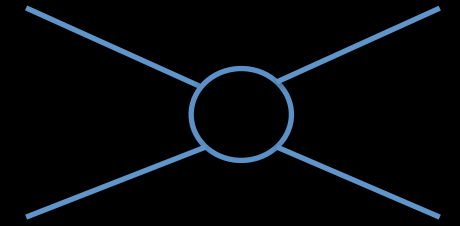
**$\Rightarrow \sigma/m < 0.02 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}.$**

**MS 2137-23**

Sand et al. 2008

Tightest constraint by far (by  $> 10\times$ )!

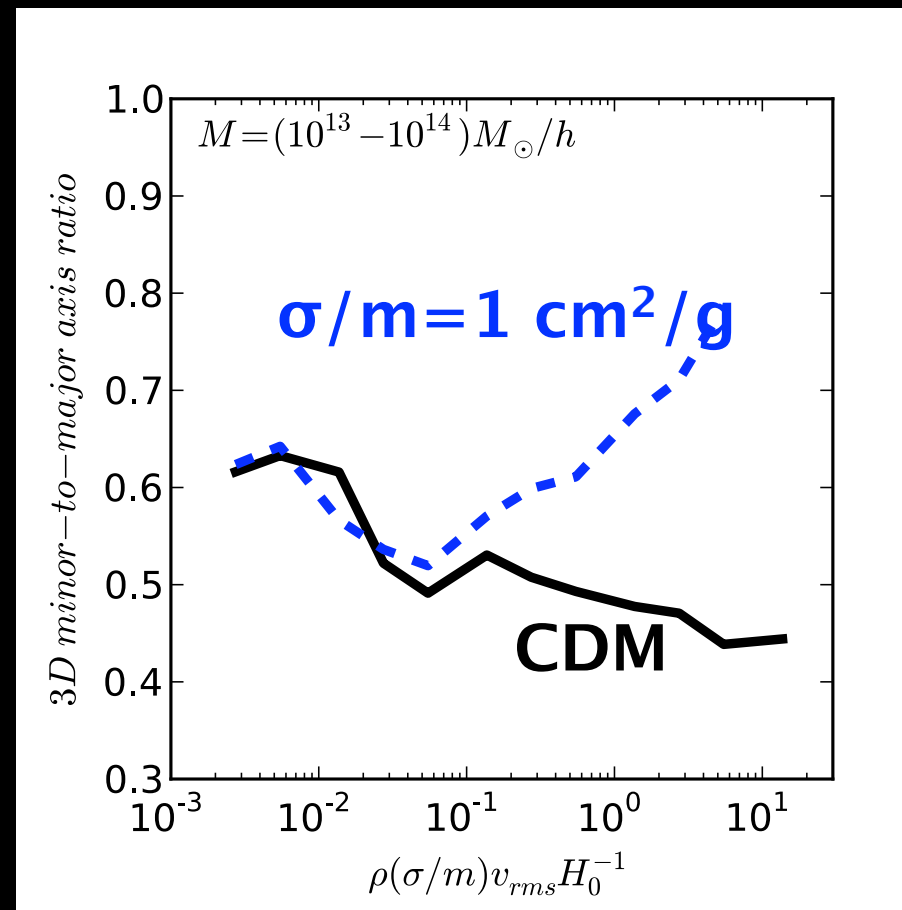
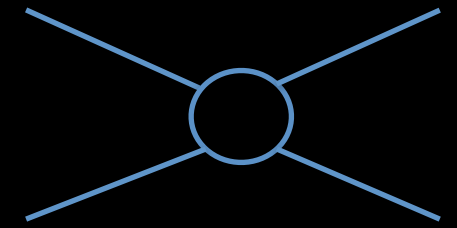
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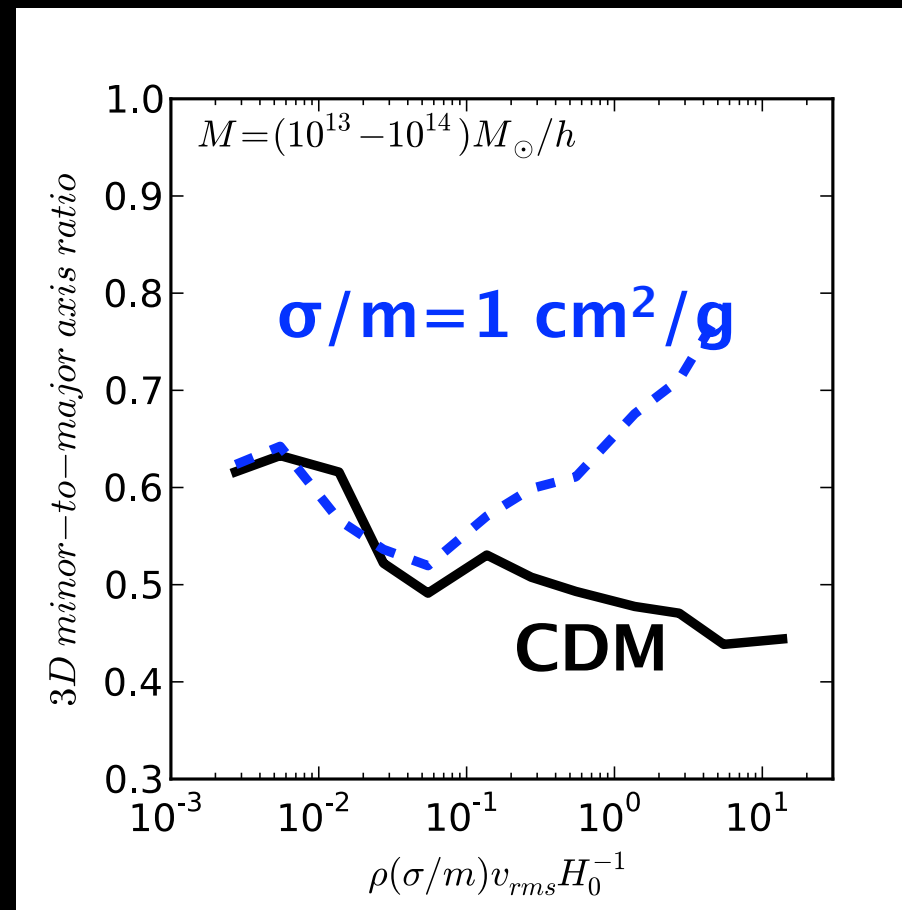
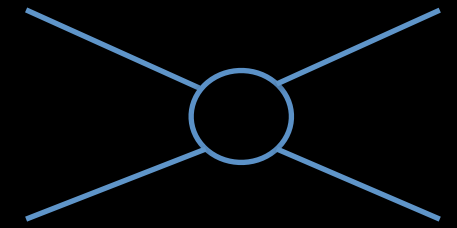
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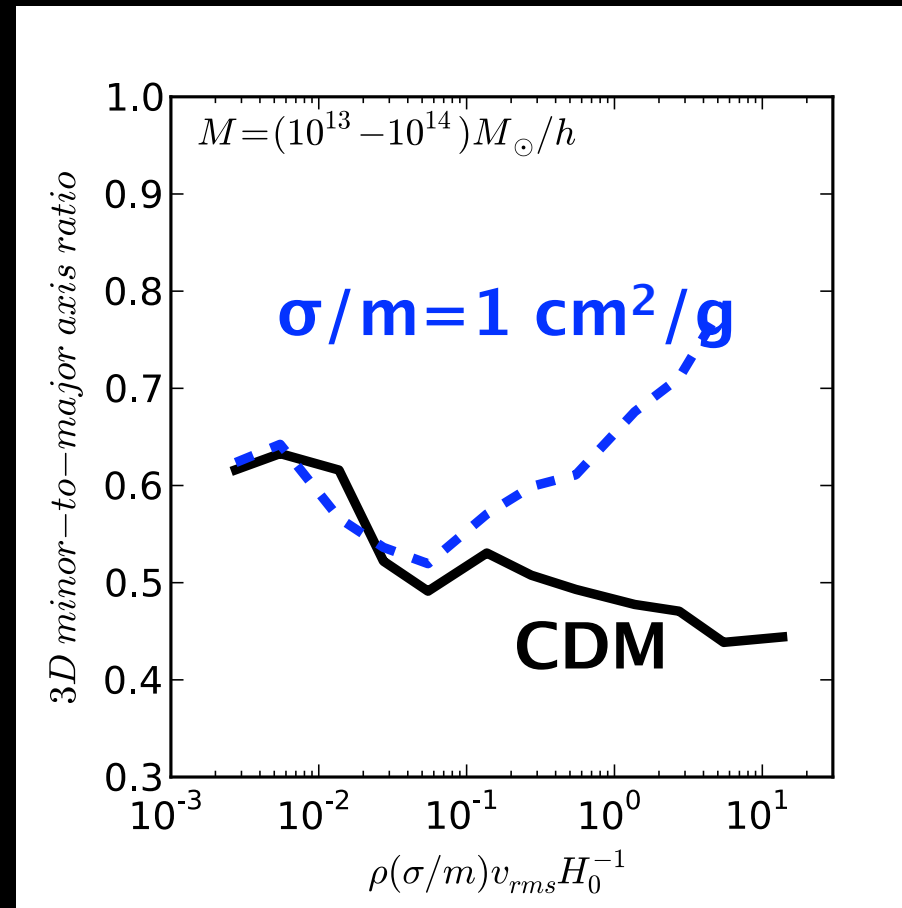
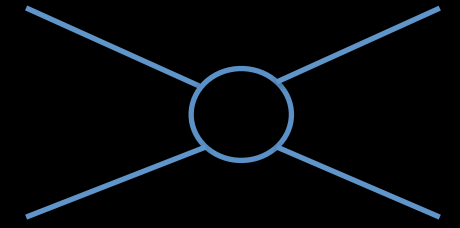
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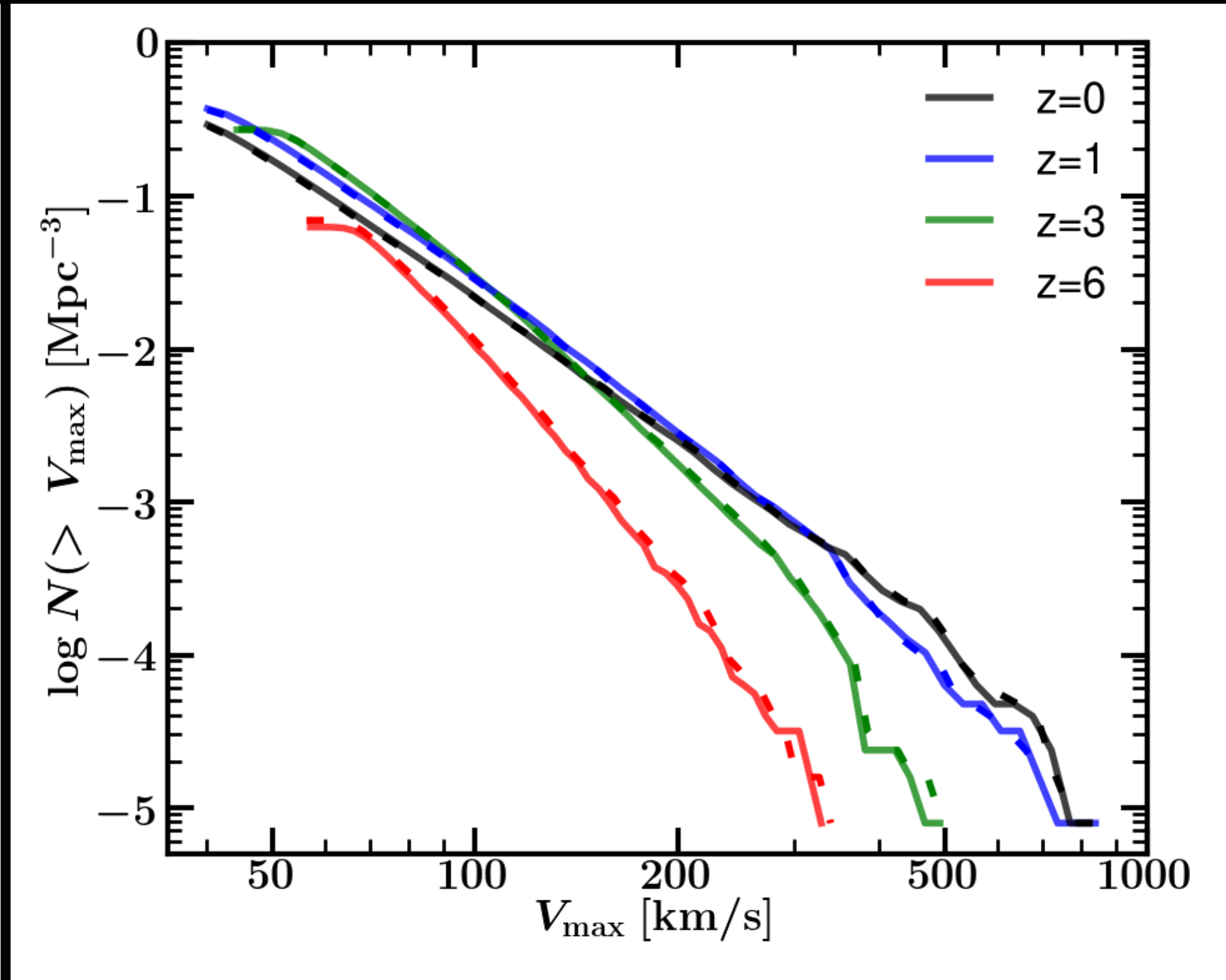
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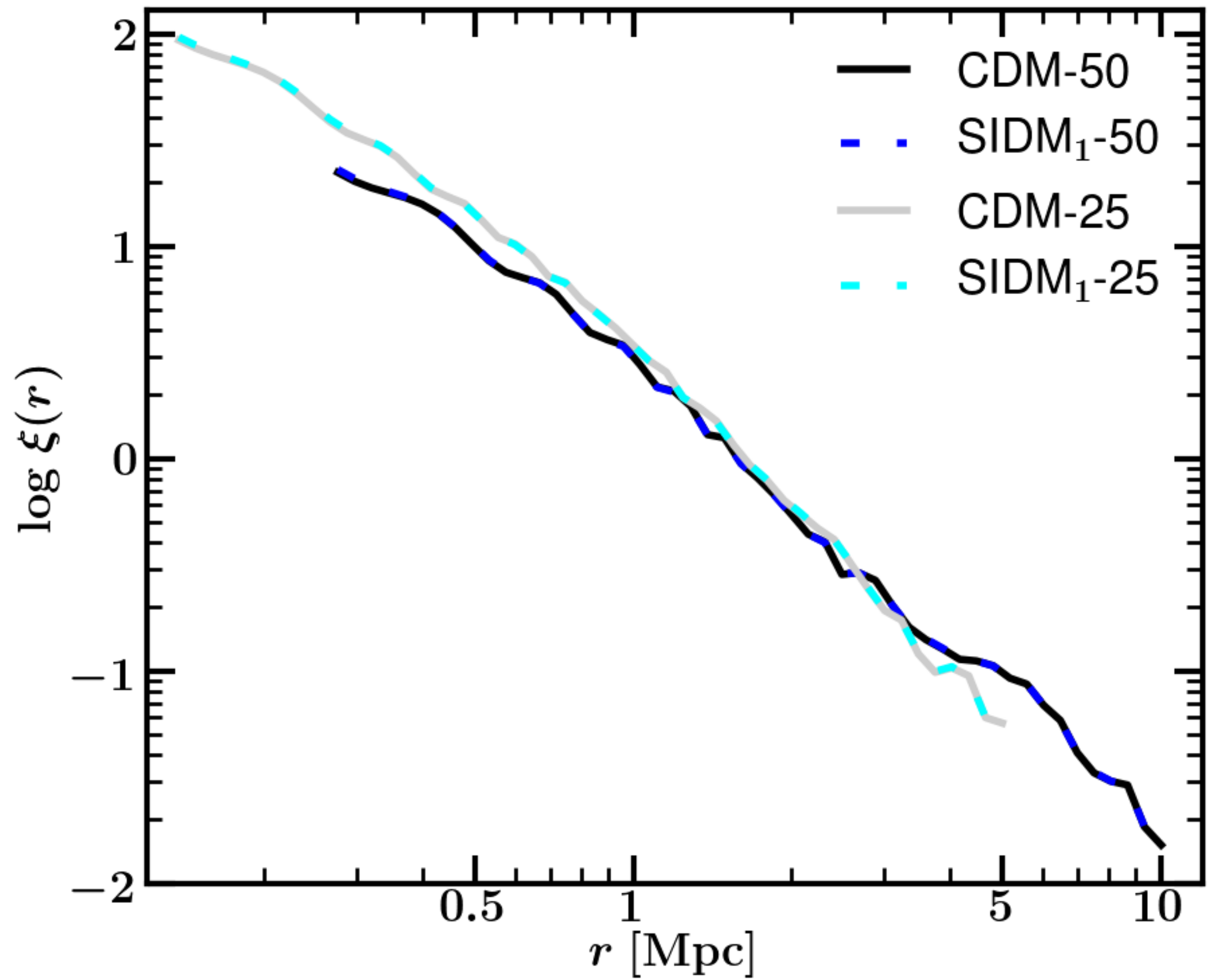
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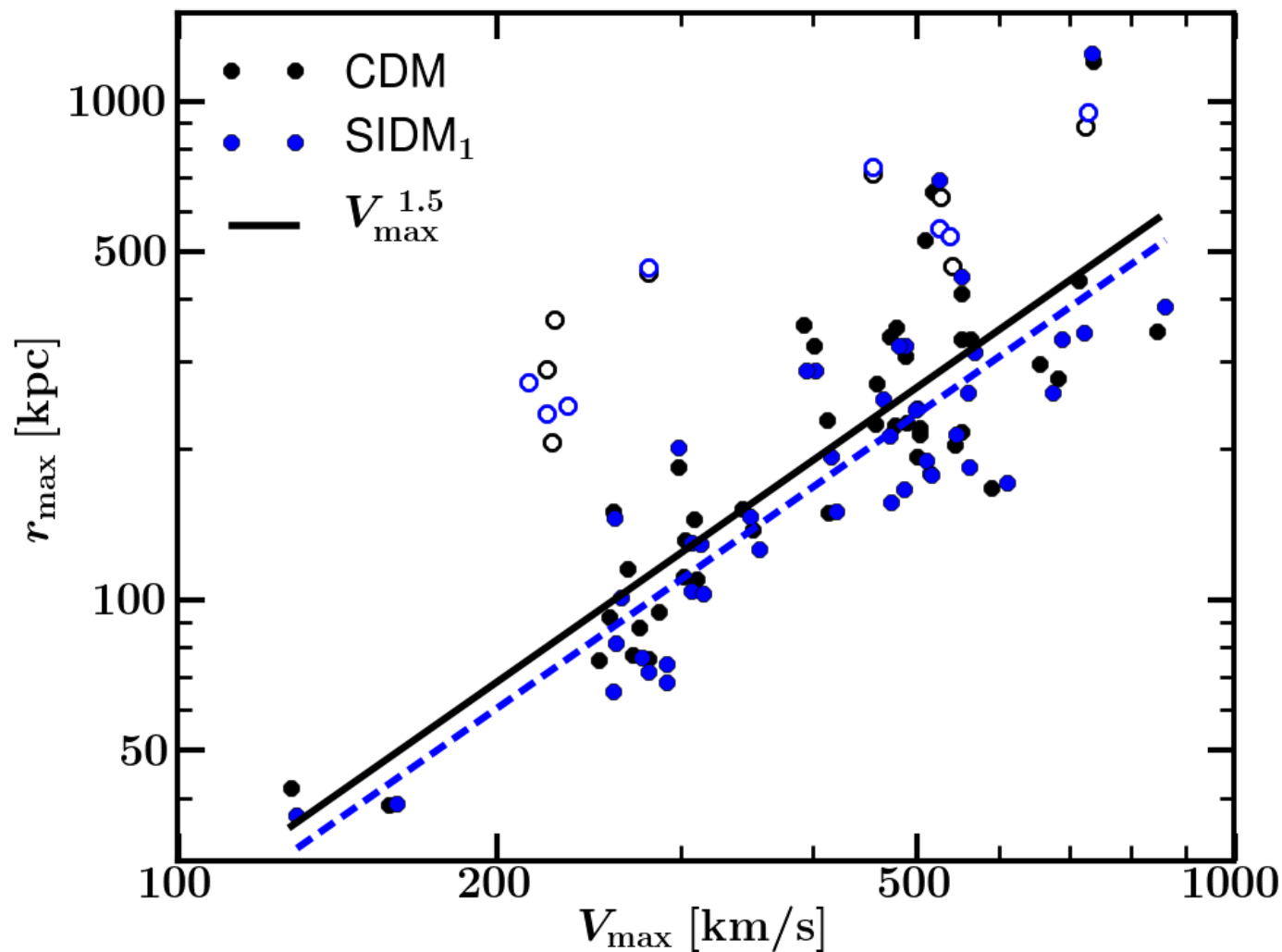
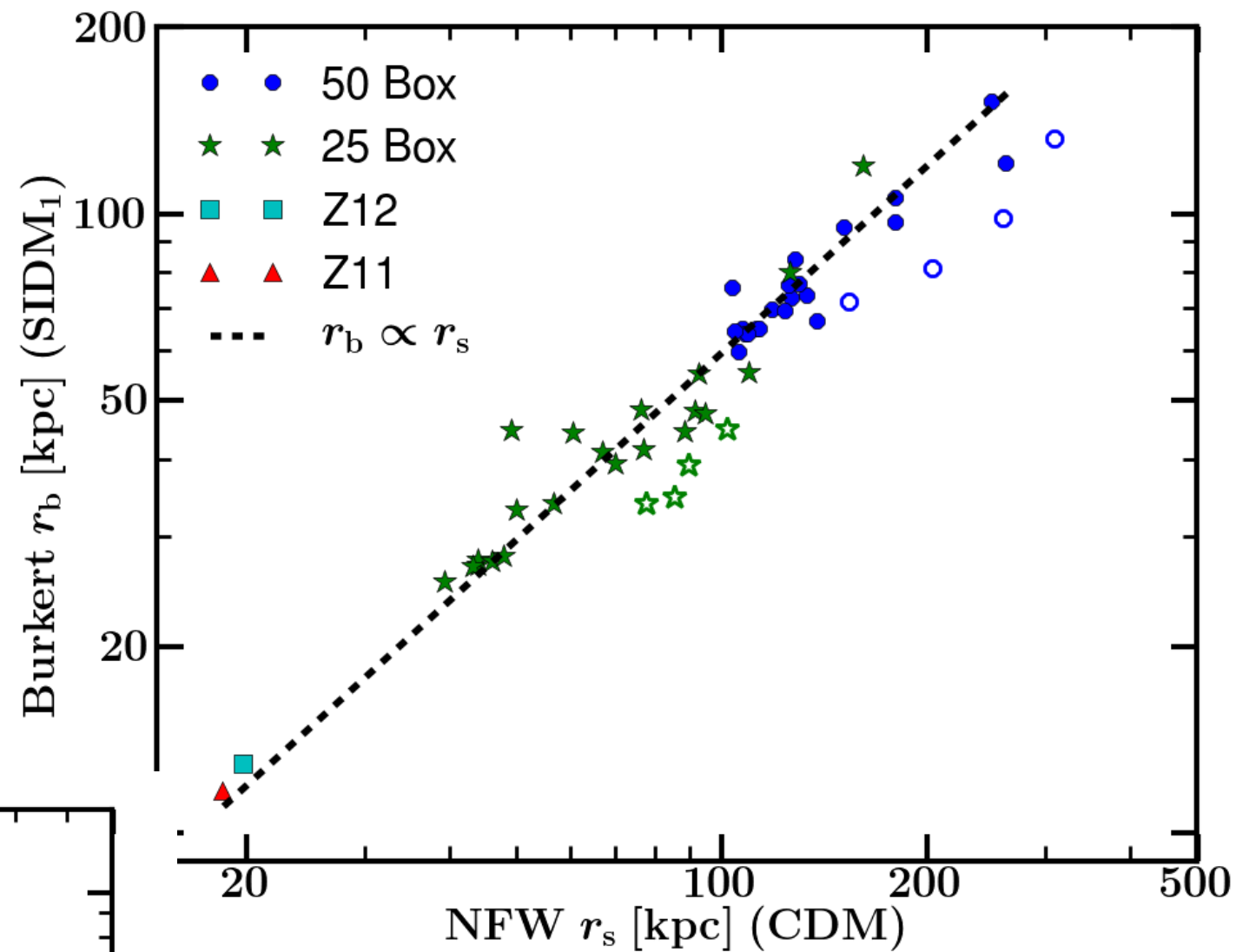






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$$r_b/r_s \sim 1$$



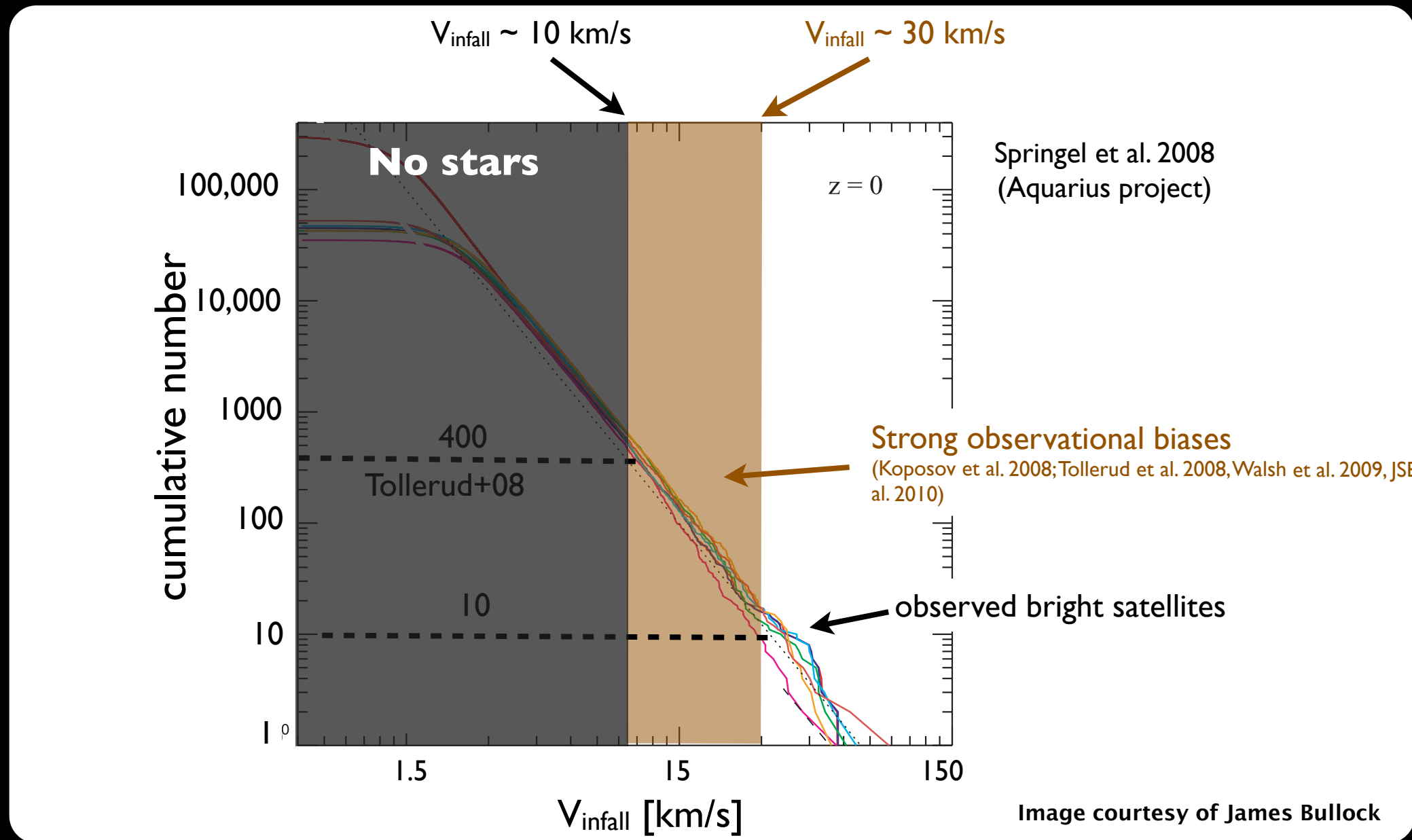
- $V_{\text{max}}/R_{\text{max}}$  similar to CDM
- $V_{\text{max}}$ - $R_{\text{max}}$  relation unchanged

Rocha et al. 2012  
arXiv:1208.3025

**Table 1:** Simulations discussed in this paper.

Name	Volume $L_{\text{Box}} [h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}]$	Number of Particles $N_{\text{p}}$	Particle Mass $m_{\text{p}} [h^{-1} \text{ M}_{\odot}]$	Force Softening $\epsilon [h^{-1} \text{ kpc}]$	Smoothing Length $h_{\text{si}} [h^{-1} \text{ kpc}]$	Cross-section $\sigma/m [\text{ cm}^2/\text{g}]$
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# Summary of Controversies with the Standard Model of Structure Formation



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